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Immediately after the announcement in October about my intention to retire in June, a colleague asked me what I am going to do. I replied, "I shall be at work as usual tomorrow morning."

When I spoke to the assembled college that afternoon, I said that together we must keep working hard and keep moving forward. As I wrote to you, I am very confident about the future. What we at Mary Baldwin must do now is to keep our eye on the goals of this year—I feel very strongly about that. That is our work, and we must not become distracted from it for any reason at all. The college must be our collective first concern.

Every year, we assess current needs and opportunities and in this way define what we call our major institutional thrusts—those areas, beyond the daily business of running the college, on which we must focus our energy and expertise. At the end of every year, we measure our accomplishments against those goals.

Here are some of the tasks we are pursuing:

In the academic arena, we are working hard on a review of general education, or the core curricular requirements

that a student needs for graduation regardless of major. That is an enormously important piece of educational business. The faculty, of course, is at the center of this effort, and staff and students are involved as well. By the end of this year we must have some very clear ideas as to whether, how, and to what extent we should revise general education at Mary Baldwin College to serve our students best in coming years.

We are developing a specific curriculum for a master of arts degree in counseling psychology, and we must complete it. Also, we are working on a proposal and feasibility study for a master's degree in applied leadership and management—a most exciting prospect for this college. A large slice of that work must be completed this year. Both of these graduate programs build on traditional undergraduate strengths, and both are important components of Mary Baldwin's long-term strategic plan to expand through development of graduate and adult programs while maintaining the number of young women in our on-campus undergraduate programs.

Some of Mary Baldwin's existing programs deserve additional promotion. For instance, we must refine our marketing strategies for the master of letters and master of fine arts in Shakespeare and Renaissance literature in performance. Only in its second year, that program now draws the majority of its students from out of state, showing us that it truly has wide appeal. It has so much potential! We must work to make it as good as it can possibly be, and that means we need to garner a national reputation for this unique graduate program.

We are refining our marketing also for the master of arts in teaching. Not enough people know how good and how innovative it is. We have recently added a new concentration in teaching exceptional students, giving us an opportunity to get the word out.

This is an ambitious academic agenda for one year—and there are several other initiatives.

The campus environment for our resident undergraduates remains a crucial focus for us. We have built the new headquarters for the Program for the Exceptionally Gifted, which this year enjoyed record enrollment, and its students moved in recently. That is a historic and mammoth project, as you can see elsewhere in this magazine. I am very proud of what we have provided our PEG students.

Technology, too, is tremendously important. It is also a perennial challenge. Two of the most pressing issues we are addressing this year are connecting the main campus and our regional centers, and replacing outdated software in our computer laboratories. And, as always, we seek ways to streamline our work with the aid of technology, helping our administrators become ever more effective and efficient.

Student recruitment is never off the annual agenda. As we do every year, we have specific goals in enrollment for each program. We intend to meet those goals; so far, the indicators are very good. I am committed to handing over to the next president a secure and strong enrollment as well as a balanced budget. We are going to shine this year, ready to welcome our new president.

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Fund raising is never off Mary Baldwin's agenda, either. We must increase annual giving, raise money for particular projects like the PEG building and the Shakespeare program, and, of course, for the endowment.

Believe me, this is a formidable agenda for any college in any given year. We are hard-working people here, and I am confident that, as in the past, we shall meet all of our goals this year.

So, how am I spending my year? Very busily, working alongside my colleagues to develop the continuing strength of Mary Baldwin College.



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'I tell you frankly that I love Mary Baldwin College. I am retiring, but that does not mean my ties with all of you are severed. Those ties are secure and binding. I look forward to applauding your future successes and to helping in appropriate ways. And, of course, my appreciation for all of you and for our work together will never diminish. Thank you for 18 wonderful years.'

— PRESIDENT TYSON



# Yes, It's True: President Tyson To Retire

By Sherry R. Cox '99

When Mary Baldwin College faculty and staff arrived at work October 10, many found an e-mail from Michelle Fitzgerald, administrative assistant to the president. It stated simply that Claire "Yum" Lewis Arnold, chair of the Board of Trustees, would address the college at 4 p.m. that day.

Some folks noted the gathering on their appointment books; others decided not to rearrange their schedules. After all, the campus grapevine was quiet. Promptly at 4, Arnold rose to the lectern in Francis Auditorium. By 4:01, she had dropped the bombshell: President Cynthia H. Tyson will retire June 30.

Latecomers missed the gasp. Only the stunned expressions and beginning snuffles of the assembled faculty, staff, and student leaders may have alerted them to the magnitude and effect of the announcement.

Arnold assured her audience that neither the president nor the college is in poor health. Rather, she said, the decision comes because Tyson wants her successor in place well before the next round of accreditation begins in 2004. "As usual," Arnold said, "her reasoning is selfless."

"Mary Baldwin College is doing well because President Tyson has spent nearly 18 years building upon the solid foundation of our 160-year-old college," she said. "Her administration has been marked by excellence in academics, sound business principles, and an entrepreneurial spirit."

Continued Arnold, "We will proceed in the practical matter of finding her successor. Please note that I have not said 'replacement,'

for this is a natural time to evaluate where we are as an institution and to determine what set of attributes can best lead us through our next phases." Arnold lightened the mood momentarily when she said the college could not find another Tyson because "God threw the mold away!"

Despite brief chuckles, it was a somber crowd that rose to its feet following Arnold's remarks to give Mary Baldwin's longest-serving president the first of two extended standing ovations. Tyson looked at the solemn expressions and quickly insisted that the audience "smile!"

"I have grown in respect for everyone associated with the college. As an institution, Mary Baldwin College is vibrant, diverse, and focused. It is a place where important things get done, and done right."

Tyson noted the "extraordinary energy," vitality, and creativity that she said guarantee MBC a bright future. "The college is poised to take the next step."

"Vision and energy have characterized her leadership," said Roderic Owen, professor of philosophy and a former acting dean of the college. "Rather than impose her

own particular vision of MBC, she has worked so very hard to support and encourage each of us to contribute to a collective vision of who we are as college community and what we might become."

Added Owen, "She has known how to be tough and demanding when it comes to decision-making processes while also knowing how to effectively delegate responsibility and how to be compassionate and generous when it comes to each of us as individuals. That is a very unusual combination in a leader."

Tyson, he said, "understands what it means to lead by example. With stoic strength in the face of conflict, difficult decisions, and volatile situations, she maintained her dignity, compassion, and resolve — and, thereby, served as a model to each of us."

An editorial in the *Staunton News Leader* praised Tyson for "great strides" in strengthening the college and its ties to the city and surrounding area. Staunton City Manager C. Robert Stripling called Tyson "a very dynamic leader in the community." Staunton Councilwoman Rita Wilson '82 noted that Tyson brought Mary Baldwin "down off the hill."

## Search Under Way For Next President

A committee representing trustees, alumnae/i, students, faculty, staff, and Staunton is working with consultants to conduct a national search for Mary Baldwin College's next president, who is expected to be chosen this spring and take office July 1. The committee will make a recommendation to the Board of Trustees, which hires the president.

Chairing the committee is Louise R. McNamee '70, vice chair of the Board of Trustees. Other trustees: Claire "Yum" Lewis Arnold '69, Board of Trustees chair; Beverly E. Bates '64, Elizabeth N. "Betsy" Mason '69, former president Samuel R. Spencer Jr.; and Aremita R. Watson, mother of three Mary Baldwin graduates.

Other committee members: Staunton businessman and former trustee P. William "Bill" Moore Jr.; Leah Griffith '03, president of the Mary Baldwin Student Government Association; Anne McGovern, associate professor of French; Roderic Owen, professor of philosophy; and George Graves, the college's director of strategic communication.

Assisting the committee are Barbara Taylor and Tobie van der Vorm of Academic Search Consultation Service, a nonprofit organization that specializes in presidential searches for private liberal-arts institutions.

More information about the search can be found on the Mary Baldwin Web site: [www.mbc.edu](http://www.mbc.edu).



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# New Endowed Scholarship Will Benefit MAT Students



Hobart Jones and Kitty Green

EDUCATION — teaching as well as learning — always meant a lot to Kitty Green. She was so grateful for the opportunities she had, despite personal struggles, that she wanted to make sure others had the chance to succeed, too.

Green, who left a remarkable business career to earn a master's in teaching at Mary Baldwin in 2000, taught all too briefly — at an elementary school in rural central Virginia. She died of ovarian cancer in November. Earlier last fall, with a commitment of \$50,000, she and her husband, Hobart Jones, helped create the first endowed scholarship for MAT students: the Kitty Green and Hobart Jones Master of Arts in Teaching Scholarship for Inquiry Teaching and Cooperative Learning. Beth Roberts, former MAT director and professor, and others associated with the program proposed the scholarship to honor Green.

"We are very eager to help make this scholarship a success because Kitty embodied the very best ideals of the MAT program, especially inquiry teaching and service leadership," said Fay Kelle, who teaches in the MAT program at Mary Baldwin's Richmond, Virginia, center, and knew Green.

Green said she and Jones decided to contribute a substantial sum "so that others can learn all the wonderful things I did and meet all the wonderful people in the MAT program." Green said she chose Mary Baldwin's MAT for its approach: asking and answering questions that cross disciplines and invite broad and deep exploration of significant subjects in a variety of ways. She said she thought the MAT program prepared her "to be the best teacher possible."

The scholarship, to be awarded to those who demonstrate need and otherwise qualify, will be for one or more full-time MAT students who are changing careers and want to teach in elementary or middle school.

Green grew up on welfare with her grandmother and sister. After earning an undergraduate degree and an MBA from Wake Forest University, she helped start and

run a company that became the world's largest coupon processor. It grew rapidly to employ 5,000, processing 100 million transactions a week. Green was also involved in the creation of another business, which encouraged new ventures. There, she began and participated in a volunteer tutoring program in schools. "I didn't know it then, but seeing the school system, struggling students, and teachers awakened a desire in me to work with children," she said.

In 1998, Green left business to pursue teaching. "I needed to satisfy my passion to give back and make a difference for children," she said. That she did, and more.

Fellow MAT graduate Kim Olsen, who received the Henrico County, Virginia, First-Year Teacher of the Year Award for First Grade in 2001, recalled: "You couldn't help but look up to Kitty, even when we were students together. She's just that kind of person. We knew we could count on her to be our friend and leader, and she came through every time." Before she died, Green gave Olsen an abundance of teaching materials, which Olsen said she could not have afforded.

In her last few months, Green told people: "Because of ill health, I got to teach for only two years. But I can say that that service has been the most rewarding of my life."

The classroom in Orange, Virginia, proved to be one Green's biggest challenges.

"Teaching is the hardest job I have ever had," she said, "because you can't fire a fourth-grader who doesn't do his work. You must find a way to motivate every student no matter what."

Observed Kelle: "Her legacy will be not only the opportunities the scholarship will afford to others who, like her, want to become the best teacher possible, but also the inspiring story of her life and steadfast spirit." Green never gave up trying to live a full life. Until shortly before her death, she spoke publicly about her life and the importance of education and teaching.

"I feel very fortunate to have had the opportunity to meet and know Kitty Green. She was a wonderful woman who was going to become the best teacher possible, but also the inspiring story of her life and steadfast spirit."

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Checks for the scholarship fund should be made out to Mary Baldwin College and sent to Martha Masters, Director of Capital Support and Gift Planning, Mary Baldwin College, Staunton, VA 24401. Please indicate that the donation is for the Kitty Green and Hobart Jones MAT scholarship.

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# Outreach Dean Stinehart To Retire at Year's End

Kathleen Stinehart, who, as dean for academic outreach, has overseen growth in the size and sophistication of Mary Baldwin's Adult Degree Program, plans to leave in June after nine years at the college.

The former kindergarten teacher and Iowa State University administrator took over a program that was straining in some ways from its success in enrolling adults — men as well as women — who wanted to complete, or even begin, their undergraduate education.

Stinehart helped establish systems and procedures to make ADP more efficient and

effective, providing faculty more time to work with students. She improved and expanded marketing and communication, encouraged greater use of the Internet for ADP students, and was among those who started the summer Women's Institute for Leadership Development (WILD).

Based at Mary Baldwin's main campus, ADP now is at five regional MBC centers around Virginia, including its newest, in Sterling in northern Virginia's rapidly growing Loudoun County.

Stinehart plans to open a natural foods grocery and café in downtown Staunton.



## 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

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Join us April 12 at MBC in Staunton  
for workshops, a luncheon,  
and notable speakers.

For more information, go to  
[www.mbc.edu/mat](http://www.mbc.edu/mat).

## How's This for a Makeover?

Call it "Trading Spaces — MBC Style."

Two pairs of roommates in Tullidge Residence Hall — Ashlee Pait and Sarah Butler, and Brandi Allen and Regina Montes — won a drawing to have their rooms redecorated by senior art majors Anne Pontius and LaToria Giles. Taking inspiration from a popular television show on cable's The Learning Channel (TLC), Pontius and Giles consulted with the winners. Then, with help from other talented MBC students, they performed makeovers on a Saturday in January while the roommates briefly traded rooms to await the outcome.

The project was ambitious. Besides rearranged furniture, it included custom bed spreads, rotating tabletop and book shelves — all made or assembled on the premises. MBC-TV filmed the event for broadcast on campus.



**Nikki Giovanni,**

an award-winning poet and a professor at Virginia Tech, read from her work and talked with students during an appearance at Mary Baldwin October 5.

## MBC Grad Cites Benefits Of Single-Sex Education

When Eugenia E. Gratto '94 read an article in *The Washington Post* last fall about Hood College's going coed, she quickly responded with a letter to the editor that passionately defended single-sex education for women.

Acknowledging that like too many young women she had "an anti-women's-college attitude" when she began looking at colleges, Gratto wrote that she was won over by "enthusiastic wooing by the Mary Baldwin admissions office, a substantial academic scholarship, and a school culture that encouraged participation in a wide range of extracurricular activities."

"My women's college experience allowed me to flourish in a way I had not been able to at my high school," continued Gratto, who runs her own public-relations business in Arlington, Virginia, just outside Washington. At Mary Baldwin, she "took advantage of leadership opportunities that formed me into a much more well-rounded woman. My time there better equipped me for the 'real world' that Hood board Chairman S. Deborah Jones said high school students look for in their college experience." Hood, in Frederick, Maryland, is a liberal arts college that has admitted women, primarily.

In the letter published October 22 in *The Post*, Gratto wrote that graduates of the shrinking number of women's colleges bear some responsibility "for recruiting students and providing financial support." And she urged female high school students "to include a women's college — any women's college — on their list of schools under consideration."

"Trust me, ladies," wrote Gratto. "There's no shortage of men to date or frat parties to attend at nearby schools. But there's no better place to build yourself a strong, powerful identity for the very coed real world."

## Physics Is Latest Minor At Mary Baldwin

The faculty has approved a new minor, in physics, which has been offered only as a major. Required courses include a seminar and instruction about electrical circuits.

## MBC Freshman Promotes Safe Driving Among Students

Mary Baldwin freshman Kady Dudley knows it may not be the coolest thing to do, but she's pushing safe behavior among her peers — especially when it comes to driving.

Dudley, from the Lynchburg, Virginia, area, has rapidly achieved a national profile through her expanding efforts and stirring words. In October, for her prominent role in Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day, she was featured on the Web site of the National Organizations for Youth Safety, a coalition of nonprofit organizations, government, and businesses ([www.noys.org](http://www.noys.org)). She makes presentations in Virginia and other states.

Dudley speaks about a high school friend who died in a crash just two days before graduation last June: "Our graduation was not the normal high school graduation. Tears flowed from everyone there — students, faculty, and family. A chair in the graduating class remained empty with only a white rose occupying it. When one name was called, no one walked forward to receive a diploma. Yet everyone rose to recognize her."

Dudley says she "took a tragedy that hit my high school, my community, and me so hard and made it a learning lesson for everyone I know." As a member of the Youth of Virginia Speak Out About Traffic Safety, she wants communities all over the state to have the resources, the people, and the program with the common goal of saving lives.

Most traffic accidents, says Dudley, "are predictable and preventable, and yet every day they continue to claim the lives of so many young people." She asks students "to join me in my quest to speak out and save lives. Buckle up. Slow down. Pay attention. Drive sober."

## Virginia Governor Names Two at MBC to State Boards

Jean M. Donovan, associate professor of health care administration and political science at Mary Baldwin, has been appointed to the State Board of Health in Virginia by Governor Mark R. Warner.

The body guides policy and planning for the state Department of Health and advises the governor.

Donovan, who has a master's in nursing and a doctorate in government, is a member of the Staunton City Council.

Warner also appointed Nadia Kuley, director of counseling and psychological

services at the college, to the Virginia Board of Psychology. That board deals with issues related to the practice of psychology in Virginia such as regulations, licensure, and investigations of complaints.

## Staff, Students Urge End to Cuts in Aid

Mary Baldwin students and staff were prominent among those urging Virginia legislators to continue state funding for both the Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership and Tuition Assistance Grants, which help Virginia residents attend private colleges and universities. The efforts, including visits to the state Capitol in Richmond and e-mail appeals by MBC representatives, appear to have paid off. Funding for both programs is expected to continue.

To cope with a shortfall in state revenue, Virginia Governor Mark R. Warner proposed ending state support for VWIL and Virginia Tech's cadet corps. The state already had trimmed support for VWIL, Tech's corps, and TAG.

Mary Baldwin VWIL students told the General Assembly that the leadership program offered them a unique opportunity designed exclusively for women. Other students noted that TAG enabled them to consider all options for higher education and to choose what they thought was best for them. They stressed their desire to go to a small, liberal-arts institution where they would have the personal attention and sense of community important to their growth as students and people.

Mary Baldwin enjoyed the backing of influential lawmakers and others as the General Assembly moved toward approving substantial appropriations.

## A Century of Service: Former Dean Marks 100

Elizabeth Pfohl Campbell, dean of Mary Baldwin College in the early 1930s, was feted by one of the country's most influential public-television stations, Washington's WETA-TV, in December for turning 100 years old. And why not? Campbell founded Emmy-award winning WETA more than 40 years ago.

The station has pioneered public-broadcasting programming, including "Washington Week in Review" and Ken Burns's epic documentary "The Civil



War." Campbell, with her late husband, the prominent lawyer Edmund Campbell, has been a leader in education and civic affairs. She has been honored with many awards and was profiled in a WETA documentary, "Elizabeth Campbell: A Passion to Teach."

Campbell remembers her time at Mary Baldwin as among the happiest of her long and productive life.

The few who make it to age 100 are typically asked for a little advice. Campbell didn't disappoint. "Don't look backward or clutter up your life with

regrets and resentments," she said. "Do not waste your energies fighting against that which cannot be changed. Live for today, and you will find life exciting, satisfying, and rewarding. Put into your work all that you have of interest, enthusiasm, hope, faith, determination, and love."

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## Giles Block: Master of Words (And These Are Some Words)

Giles Block has a title like none other: master of words. The words are not just any words but the plays — their prose and verse — of William Shakespeare.

Block is one of several "masters" at the reconstructed Globe theatre in London, where, as at Blackfriars Playhouse in Staunton, Shakespeare's plays are performed, in essential ways, as they were 400 years ago. During the fall semester, he was among the latest visiting faculty for a different type of master: Mary Baldwin's master's programs — master of letters and master of fine arts — in Shakespeare and Renaissance literature in performance.

As master of words, Block helps actors understand Shakespeare's text. He works with them on pacing and emphasis, on identifying and using the rhythms and rhymes. Once the actors have digested the words

and developed a feel for presenting them naturally, audiences can better grasp language that may seem odd or unfamiliar at times.

"We can't change the text," notes Block. "We don't understand by following every word. We understand through a spray of words."

As Shakespeare matured in his writing, the poetry — the beat, the pulse — became less obvious, the lines spoken by characters seemingly more spontaneous. But Shakespeare still maintained a deep sense of structure to what he wrote, says Block, however subtle it became.

A key part of notable productions in England, the United States, and Japan over the years, Block has acted extensively, and he continues to direct plays. His ongoing exploration of Shakespeare's language is clearly a joy. "It kind of springs into life for me in a way that it didn't before," he says.



Woods Pence



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## New Shakespeare Program Garners Funding, Students

In just its second year, Mary Baldwin College's unique master's degree program in Shakespeare and Renaissance literature in performance continues to draw considerable financial support and has more than doubled its enrollment, attracting students from all over the country.

The Philadelphia-based E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation has awarded Mary Baldwin \$1.5 million over five years to underwrite its master of letters (M.Litt.) and master of fine arts (MFA). Each degree combines stagecraft and scholarship.

And the family of Virginia Worth Gonder '39 has given the college

\$200,000 to endow a Shakespeare fellowship in theatre in her name. Frank R. Southerington, Oxford-educated professor of English and director of the Shakespeare program, is the first Gonder fellow.

Eleven new students from California, Florida, Ohio, and Oklahoma, among other states, enrolled for the fall semester, joining six who returned. The new students' backgrounds vary widely: teaching, acting, marketing, and industry. Colleges attended include Swarthmore, Mount Holyoke, the University of California and Boise State University.

Some students are recent graduates. Others are embarking on new

careers and vocations. Their ambitions are hardly the same. Some intend to teach, others to act, still others to read and develop scripts or otherwise work in the theatre. All welcomed the opportunity to understand Shakespeare and his contemporaries in performance and in a rich context: historical, cultural, and artistic.

The master's program is offered in partnership with Shenandoah Shakespeare and the professional acting company's Blackfriars Playhouse, the world's only re-creation of Shakespeare's indoor theatre, which also serves as classroom and laboratory for the students.



# Anthropologist Bateson: How To Make More of Longer Lives

By George Graves

"There's more than one life in your life," says anthropologist Mary Catherine Bateson, who last fall spoke to classes and delivered the sixth annual Smyth Leadership Lecture, established by former trustee H. Gordon Smyth and his wife, Mary Beth Reed Smyth '47.

Longer life expectancy — up by more than 20 years for

Americans since World War II — can mean a fuller life of learning and personal development, says Bateson, the daughter of noted anthropologists Margaret Mead and Gregory Bateson. "We tend to think of longer life expectancy as something tacked

onto the end. But these additional years are right in the middle of our lives. They're not like a room tacked onto a house but an atrium opening up the middle."

"We have more time than human beings have ever had," said Bateson, the Clarence J.

Robinson Professor of Anthropology and English at George Mason University in Fairfax in northern Virginia.

That time can be spent developing new skills and interests, pursuing another career, or seeing more of the world.

The author of a memoir about her parents among other well-received books, Bateson encouraged students to travel and explore other countries and cultures, respecting local customs.

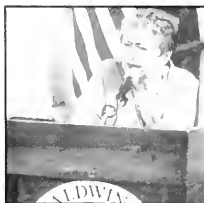
"When I was a kid, most of my friends hadn't heard of pizza or hummus or pita bread," she told students in a cultural anthropology class taught by Carrie B. Douglass, associate professor of anthropology and Spanish. "Look how rich we become by knowing our neighbors. Look at the choices that open up. Other cultures expand our imagination."

Observed Bateson, a former Guggenheim Fellow: "In our world today, you have to deal with people from other parts of the world. You have a responsibility as an American, as part of a

powerful country, to understand other cultures. People who don't travel assume that what they do is natural and what other people do is perverse. Much of what we take for granted is actually learned: what to eat for breakfast, how food should taste, what love is, what romance is, what a bathroom is, how to raise children."

Bateson, also a visiting professor at the Harvard Graduate School of Education, grew up with Daniel Métraux, professor of Asian studies at Mary Baldwin and the son of a prominent anthropologist, Alfred Métraux. Visiting one of Métraux's classes, she talked about the struggles that women in many countries, including some in Asia, face as they seek to share opportunities that men traditionally have enjoyed.

"The challenge, the problem, is to find a way to say, 'No, the traditional role of women in my community is a distortion of the way it ought to be. I'm not rejecting my tradition. I'm finding a truth in my tradition that the male





## A Call to Public Service Marks Founders Day

Founders Day speaker M. Elizabeth Swope '66, U.S. consul general in Guadalajara, Mexico, urged Mary Baldwin students to consider careers in public service, which, she said, they "might not have thought about" before the terrorist attacks September 11, 2001.

"I would be thrilled if some of you would choose the foreign service," said Swope, as she and her husband, Patrick

Kennedy, did. Swope is the senior U.S. representative in western Mexico, the latest in a series of assignments that have taken her around the world. Kennedy is U.S. ambassador to the United Nations for management reform, representing the United States on the



committee that develops the UN's budget.

"You are there adding context and helping foreigners to understand us better and we, them," said Swope, a member of the Alumnae/i Board and a graduate of Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government. "This is more important today than ever before, as our way of life is under siege."

But other options abound, said Swope, including the Peace Corps, the military, non-governmental organizations, and working for elected officials.

"Think about where you will take that spirit that grew out of the ashes of the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and the field in Pennsylvania," said Swope, speaking October 4 at the annual convocation at First Presbyterian Church in Staunton remembering the college's founders, Rufus W. Bailey and Mary Julia Baldwin.

"You are all fortunate to be the beneficiaries of a superior liberal-arts education. You may have chosen Mary Baldwin for a variety of reasons, as I did. One of my principal reasons was to acquire a broad base that would serve well in whatever I chose to do. Although much changed September 11, the value of a liberal arts education has not."

"In fact," Swope continued, "I would argue that it has only increased" with the need for more Americans who have a deep understanding of other cultures and countries.

scholars may have missed."

In the United States, added Bateson, particularly in the South, "tradition can still be invoked in some circles to tell women to slow down."

Among Bateson's other comments during her visit to campus:

- Never break a date with a female friend to go out with a man. Friendships between women are important and need to be nourished. They can last a long time.
- Live on your own for a while, as many young women do now. The strength of knowing you can cope if you have to is really important. Absorb the experience of independence.
- It's important to find time to reflect. You cannot learn from experience unless you reflect on your experience. It's the process of digesting experience that leads to learning — and that takes time. Find the time to reflect. If you walk, think while you walk. Turn off the radio in the car. We take less and less time for reflection. The result: bad decisions.
- In most of the world, children really are raised by a village — not just two tired, anxious, quarreling parents.
- The Iranian revolution showed that rights for women can be lost. Rights for women were seen as western, not as a deeper understanding of human rights for in Middle Eastern societies.
- Most young people today have to educate their parents against strong biases. You can move parents only so far. You can't fully re-educate them. They've been running the water when they brush their teeth for a long, long time.
- Exploring differences gives you a different sense of human feeling. Understanding that there are other ways to be human throughout the world helps us make choices about the future, to imagine a future that is not just an extension of the present. But you don't throw it all away because someone else does it differently. Rituals are important.

What attracts students to Mary Baldwin? What do they think of the college after they settle in?

The Mary Baldwin Parents Council wanted to know. A panel of four students — from different years, programs, and states — provided answers during a discussion that was part of the Leadership Weekend in October when the Alumnae/ Board and Advisory Board of Visitors also gathered at the college.

Amy Jordan, a freshman from Lenoir City, Tennessee, applied to a variety of institutions, big and small, public and private. She visited Mary Baldwin and was “really impressed by the open-

ness and helpfulness.” She was also impressed by the abundant opportunities to take part in a wide range of organizations. “I wanted to hone my leadership skills,” said Jordan. “You get this sense of strong women.”

Lantana Hoke, a junior, left middle school at age 14 in Maui,

Hawaiian, to begin college through Mary Baldwin’s Program for the Exceptionally Gifted. On a visit, she immediately liked the atmosphere, the professors and students. “The campus is very beautiful,” she said. “That is really important to me.” PEG, she noted, offered her a unique chance to start college early as a full-fledged residential student.

Samantha Muncy, a senior from Dallas, Texas, likes Virginia’s moderate climate and remembers the personal attention shown by a member of the college’s Admissions Office. “That’s what got me here,” she said, “that woman taking the time and answering all my questions.”

Sophomore Megan Ziegert from Fort Eustis, Virginia, turned down an appointment to the U.S. Air Force Academy to attend Mary Baldwin and become part of its Virginia Women’s Institute for Leadership. “Academically, a small school is best for me,” said Ziegert, an ambitious student who values good teaching. “You see our professors on campus everywhere,” she said. Ziegert credits Mary

Baldwin’s persistent Admissions Office in its successful pursuit of her. “Someone was calling my house at least once a week,” she said. “They keep calling.”

Ziegert has a double major and perhaps a triple minor, a heavy load not considering other obligations on campus. VWI’s structure and discipline have helped her learn to manage her time and do well in the classroom, she said. VWI’s camaraderie already has members of its cadet corps “talking about going to each other’s weddings someday.” Said Ziegert: “It’s good when you come on a campus to know you fit in somewhere. You definitely have a sense of belonging.”

Hoke, though younger than most other students at Mary Baldwin, has a definite sense of belonging, too. Most of her peers are in high school, where she returned over the summer to take driver’s education. “I thought, gee, I’m glad I’m not here,” said Hoke, a mentor to other PEG students.

Muncy quickly took to political science when she got to Mary Baldwin and then developed an interest in business administration. “My professors showed me how I could integrate the two,” she said, helping her focus on policy — public and business. Now that she’s about to graduate, Muncy said she’s grateful for the intensive career advice and coaching that the college’s Sena Center offers students. Her fiancé, she said, received relatively little help when he graduated from a large public university.

Speaking of her plans to get married, Muncy said she was at first deeply skeptical when her mother suggested that she consider a women’s college. Muncy’s high-school friends told her “you will never meet men” and asked: “Why are you going?” Muncy said she enjoyed an active social life and had a lot of fun. And now, among her high-school friends, “I’m the only one engaged.”

Ziegert initially wondered whether she would be happy at a women’s college. “All my friends were guys,” she said. But she likes the all-female residential undergraduate environment, which encourages her “to be yourself.” Said Ziegert: “Your social life is basically what you make it.”

Not having men in classes “is kind of nice,” added Hoke. “You’re really comfortable studying the biology of women.”

## MBC: The Students’ View



## Two Decades of Flowers, Thanks to Mabel Hirschbiel

For more than 25 years until she left Staunton this past fall, Mabel Hirschbiel arranged flowers in stunning displays for Mary Baldwin College.

"She helped MBC look beautiful for all our special occasions," said President Cynthia H. Tyson.

Hirschbiel's creations marked homecoming, graduation, and alumnae/i gatherings. They have been seen in the Alumnae House, the Administration Building, and Hunt Dining Hall under the portrait of Lyda B. Hunt —

Hirschbiel's favorite spot.

Hirschbiel, an honorary alumna and widow of banker Paul Hirschbiel, a former MBC trustee, is returning to the Virginia Beach area to be closer to family.

"People have been pleased with what little I do," said the humble Hirschbiel. "It has been a wonderful association, and I have enjoyed it."

## Burmese Student Seeks Democracy for Her Country

By Maria Eusebia Oa

She faces danger if she goes home, and she has to use a pseudonym when she writes articles or gives public talks or is the subject of articles like this one. Khin Oo '03 is a Mary Baldwin student with a challenge most women in America will never have to confront: She is fighting for democracy in her native Burma.

Oo grew up in Rangoon, the capital of Burma. "I lived on a main street, and when I was 9 years old, I can remember seeing people demonstrating, singing, and all of a sudden the military trucks came," she said. "People were told to move, and then everybody was shot down. It was very bloody, and I still remember that."

That was in 1988. Oo's grandfather taught her about democracy and human rights, instilling in her a deep commitment to his cause. He had served with General Aung San, who helped lead the quest for Burma's independence in 1948. He also had babysat the general's daughter, Aung San Suu Kyi, who grew up to be the leader of the National League for Democracy, winning the Nobel Peace Prize but facing harassment and house arrest by Burma's current military rulers.

Her grandfather won a seat in the country's parliament in the 1990 general election despite, Oo said, the regime's continual questioning and threats. But arrests followed. Oo said her grandfather, deprived of clean water, sanitary food and adequate medical treatment during his last confinement, in 1999, returned home in bad shape and died months later of liver cancer.

Before he died, said Oo, he asked her to continue his work and press for democracy. Her father asked her to think twice before getting involved.

"My father was worried about me and asked me to wait until I got my full education to continue my grandfather's work," said Oo. "But I said, 'No, I can't wait.'"

While in the United States, Oo has been doing both: completing her education (majoring in economics and Asian studies) and seeking change in Burma, where she said the quality of life continues to decline and many people suffer. She has been interviewed by Voice of America, spoken at the United Nations, and lobbied in Washington. As an intern at the UN, she researched its programs in Burma.

Said Oo of conversations with U.S. officials: "As a citizen, I asked the United States to pressure for democracy in Burma. As a student, I asked for them to pressure for the release of students who are still in prison for demonstrating. As a woman, I asked for pressure to stop the raping of women as punishment in Burma."

"I need to go back and get involved in politics," said Oo, mindful that her family is under surveillance and that a friend, she said, was imprisoned for reading an underground newspaper. "I will definitely go back home and work toward democracy."



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## faculty and staff highlights

**Ann Alexander**, professor of history (ADP), is serving a four-year appointment on the State Review Board of the Virginia Department of Historic Resources, the committee that recommends properties for the National Register of Historic Places

**Andreas Anastasiou**, assistant professor of psychology, presented a paper titled "Cross-Cultural Application of an Empathy Scale: Basis for Conflict Resolution" at the annual convention of the American Psychological Association in Chicago August 22-26

**Alice Araujo**, assistant professor of communication, served as a co-facilitator in a week-long teaching and learning workshop for faculty at Rollins College in Winter Park, Florida, in June. The workshop was sponsored by the Associate Colleges of the South, a consortium of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Araujo is serving a two-year term as secretary for the Undergraduate College and University Section of the National Communication Association. In November, she chaired two panels at the NCA convention in New Orleans, Louisiana: "Who Do We Think We Are: Instructor Positioning in the Communication Classroom" and "The Evolving Multicultural Self: Searching for the Sites of Identity in Communication Practices." At that convention, she also presented a paper titled "'Resistir é Preciso': Language and Cultural Identity Negotiation in Light of Globalization."

**Jeffrey L. Buller**, dean of the college, has been invited by the Wagner Society of New York to deliver all seven English-language lectures at the August 20-28 international Wagner festival in Bayreuth, Germany. The Wagner festival, established by Richard Wagner in 1876, is considered by many to be the world's most prestigious annual

festival devoted to the works of a single composer. Each year's festival takes place in a unique theatrical structure designed by Wagner specifically for the festival. Buller, whose book *Classically Romantic* explores Wagner's fascination with ancient Greece and the influence that this interest had on the composer's Ring cycle, will present a daily keynote lecture on each of the seven operas of the 2003 cycle. The 2003 festival will include all four operas of the Ring, as well as *Lohengrin*, *The Flying Dutchman*, and *Tannhäuser*.

**Crista Cabe**, associate vice president for college relations, has been elected a director at large for the College Communicators Association of Virginia and the District of Columbia

**Lisa Dockery-Boyce**, director of Annual Giving, has been appointed to the Jefferson Area Bicycling and Walking Advisory Committee to represent Albemarle County

**Jean M. Donovan**, associate professor of health care administration and political science (ADP), delivered the keynote address, "Medicaid: Its History, Politics, and Implications for the Future for Homecare in Virginia," at the annual conference of the Virginia Association of Personal Care Providers in Charlottesville November 8.

**Bruce Dorries**, assistant professor of communication, presented two papers at the November 21-24 National Communication Association convention in New Orleans: "The Wheelchair — FDR's Mobility or Embarrassment? Iconic History or Distorted Politically Correct Foolishness?: A Narrative Analysis of the Competing Voices that Spin FDR's Chair" with Dr. Kelly Herold of Winona State University, and "Media Labeling Versus the Disability

Community Identity: A Study of Shifting Cultural Language" with Dr. Beth Haller of Towson University. Dorries is a Shenandoah Valley speaker for The Nature Conservancy, the largest environmental organization in the world

**Louise Freeman**, assistant professor of psychology, presented "Effects of DHT and E2 on Adult Copulatory Behavior in the Musk Shrew" at the Society for Behavioral Neuroendocrinology's annual meeting in Amherst, Massachusetts, June 25-30. She also presented three poster sessions with student co-authors

**Michael Gentry**, associate professor of mathematics, attended the 80th annual meeting of the Virginia Academy of Science at Hampton University May 21-24, where he participated in a panel discussion, "SCHEV Core Competencies for Virginia Colleges and Universities: Scientific and Quantitative Reasoning"

**James Harrington**, professor of education/adult studies, has been elected to a second full term on the Staunton School Board

The summer 2002 edition of *Sixteenth Century Journal* included a review by **Sara Nair James**, associate professor of art, of *Revaluing Renaissance Art*, Gabriele Neher and Rupert Shepherd, eds., Aldershot, Ashgate Publishing, 2000. In October, James presented her paper "Signorelli's Frescoes at Orvieto and Shades of the Classical Past" at the Southeast College Art Conference in Mobile, Alabama.

**Fay Kelle** and **Karen Dorgan**, assistant professor and associate professor of education (ADP and MAT), respectively, served as judges in the 2002 Chadwick's of Boston Teacher of the Year contest. They judged entries from the South Central and Southwest regions.

**Michelle Lawrence**, MBC head volleyball coach, was named Volleyball Coach of the Year in the Atlantic Women's College Conference.

**Daniel Métraux**, professor of Asian studies, wrote "The Relevance of Nichiren's Treatise 'Risshō Ankoku Ron' to the Post 11 September World," which was included in the September 2002 *Indigo* magazine. He edited *The Virginia Review of Asian Studies*, Volume 5. Métraux presented his paper on "The Diaspora of Japanese Religion: The Soka Gakkai in Australia" at the Washington, D.C.-Southeast Region Japan Seminar at the College of William and Mary in November

In June, **Harriet Morrison**, assistant professor of education (ADP), presented "Surmounting the Odds: Examining the Characteristics of Disadvantaged Students Who Succeed in American Higher Education" at the European Access Network's annual conference in Prato, Italy. Co-authors were Eugene Anderson from the American Council on Education in Washington, Carol Campy Yeakey from the University of Virginia, and Beverly Epps with the Prince Edward County school system.

**Pam Murray**, professor of education (ADP), has been elected vice president of the Association of Continuing Higher Education and took office in November at the international conference in Birmingham, Alabama

**Roderic Owen**, professor of philosophy, was elected vice president of the North American Association for the Study of Welsh Culture and History at its biennial conference in Syracuse, New York, in June. He presented "Moral Reasoning on a Case-by-Case Basis" at the American Association of Philosophy Teachers' 14th Biennial International Workshop-

Conference on Teaching Philosophy in Cincinnati, Ohio, July 31–August 2. On October 4, Owen presented "Poverty, Community Service, and the 'Post-formal' Practitioner" (to be published) at the Philosophy of Education Society regional conference in Greensboro, North Carolina.

**Paul Ryan**, associate professor of art, wrote a review of the exhibition "here.Say: New Work by Richard Carlyon" for the July–August 2002 issue of *Art Papers Magazine*. September 28–November 1, the Crandall Gallery at Mount Union College in Alliance, Ohio, featured his exhibition: "(ab)sentences: Recent Work by Paul Ryan."

In June, **Sharon Shull**, adjunct instructor of music (piano and organ), received her master of arts in church music from Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio. Shull was honored with the Lay Church Service Award for "dedication to preparation for service to the church and gifts of outstanding leadership."

**Laura van Assendelft**, associate professor of political science, participated in the August 29 panel discussion "First Ladies, Political Entrepreneurship, and the Plural Presidency" at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association in Boston, Massachusetts.

During the summer, **Debra Wenger**, assistant professor of computer information systems, completed her technology certification by passing all seven modules of the TekXam, a national assessment tool used to evaluate technology skills in higher education.



**Andrea Cornett-Scott** has been named Mary Baldwin's dean of African-American and multicultural affairs.

Cornett-Scott came to Mary Baldwin as the director of African-American affairs in 1996. She added multicultural understanding, which has led to the creation of such campus groups as Latinas Unidas, an organization dedicated to learning about and sharing Latin-American heritage; Umoja, a collective designed to lend emotional, cultural, and social support to African-American women; Anointed Voices of Praise, a student-directed music ministry promoting spiritual growth while fostering an appreciation of traditional and contemporary gospel music; and the Caribbean Club, which embraces students' Caribbean heritage. Cornett-Scott also organizes events for Black History Month and advises the Black Student Alliance.

"Andrea's work with African-American and Latina students has had a positive impact on the campus," said Douglas E. Clark, vice president of enrollment management. "This title change reflects the significance of her efforts and the importance we place on her dedicated service to our students."

Cornett-Scott earned a B.A. in Spanish from Morris Brown College in Atlanta, Georgia, and an M.Div. from Payne Theological Seminary in Wilberforce, Ohio. She is pastor of Christ Our Redeemer African Methodist Episcopal Church in Staunton.

## VWIL Student Soars in Colorado



**MEGAN ZIEGERT**, a sophomore at Mary Baldwin College, took to the skies in a glider this past summer with the U.S. Air Force Academy soaring program in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Ziegert was the only student selected to participate from the combined ROTC for the Virginia Military Institute and Mary Baldwin's Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership.

Ziegert, of Fort Eustis, Virginia, will commission with the Air Force and is attending Mary Baldwin on a four-year Air Force ROTC scholarship. An ambitious student, she is majoring in political science and international relations and may have as many as three minors, including French and leadership studies.

The glider program allows students to learn the fundamentals of flight. Remarkably, Ziegert said her commercial flight to Colorado was her first time in the air. She now hopes to eventually earn a private pilot's license.

Ziegert, one of few women in the soaring program, said VWIL prepared her for the experience, which she rated as "really good." She said she is looking forward to officer training camp this summer.

— Morgan Alberts Smith '99

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## Pioneers:

By Celeste Rhodes



## Nearly Two Decades Later

IT'S DIFFICULT TO IMAGINE that the young women — barely high-school age — who inaugurated Mary Baldwin's Program for the Exceptionally Gifted are now in their early 30s. They and their families were true pioneers when they showed up on that hot day in August 1985.

Mary Baldwin was, and still is, the only college in the country with a full-time residential program for gifted females as young as rising ninth-graders. The first 11 students came to PEG when it was merely an idea. Their experiences, along with those of the class that followed them, helped PEG administrators create and develop what is now a nationally acclaimed program, drawing students and scholars as well as news coverage and commentary from all over the country.

PEG now has nearly 80 students — a record — and a \$6.7 million state-of-the-art center where many of them live and study in the heart of campus, between Pearce Science Center and Grafton Library. The program has attracted major funding from the start, beginning with \$1.25 million from the Jessie Ball duPont Educational, Reli-

gious, and Charitable Foundation and, recently, including \$2.2 million from the Malone Family Foundation for endowed scholarships and a three-year research grant.

More than 300 PEG students have attended Mary Baldwin, many of them going on to prominent graduate and professional schools and ambitious careers. Some, after a year or two at Mary Baldwin, transferred to other colleges, typically larger public institutions or closer to home. PEG gave them that opportunity, and students who left Mary Baldwin clearly benefited otherwise from their PEG experience. Attrition has generally declined as the program has matured.

Wherever they have gone, whatever they have pursued, these extraordinary young women have continued to seek out personal and professional challenges that promote their growth. Even more important, they aim to make a difference in the lives of others.

Here, with their reflections and vintage photos, are updates on the first two classes of PEG students who graduated from Mary Baldwin.



**Nicole Angresano '89** graduated magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa, majoring in political science. She earned a master's in public health administration at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She's a researcher at the University of Wisconsin Comprehensive Cancer Center in Madison, where she coordinates a breast-cancer surveillance program. "I am also working as a consultant with University Extension/Outreach," she says,



"helping local communities design evaluations for youth tobacco prevention programs, and I continue to volunteer at the American Red Cross as an HIV/AIDS educator." She recently

married a doctoral candidate in social welfare at the University of Wisconsin.

"People often ask me if I regret having chosen such a nontraditional path. 'But you missed high school!' or 'What was your social life like?' It must have been rough." My response is always the same: I wouldn't change a thing. Without PEG, I would not be the person I am today — a woman who never believed there was something I couldn't do or didn't deserve because of my gender. That is the gift that PEG gave me."

**Anne Byford '89** graduated cum laude, majoring in biology, and added a master's in medical genetics at Oregon Health & Science University. She's a senior research specialist in a pediatric cardiology research lab at the University of Virginia. "Our lab is working on a gene therapy method to prevent damage to the heart caused by a lack of oxygen to the heart muscle," she says. "This method could be used before open-heart surgery or to treat children with chronic heart conditions."

She is a part-time faculty member at Mary Baldwin — coaching fencing as well as teaching courses in biology. "It was a little strange working with the same professors who taught me as a student," she says.

Byford lives in a house in the country with a couple of Border collies. "We try to keep the local snake and mouse populations out of the house and the deer population from taking over the garden."

She volunteers at Kluge Children's Rehabilitation Center, where she is "an adaptive swim instructor and occasionally



a riding therapy aide. The dogs and I are also learning agility. For relaxation, I cook and quilt."

Thanks to Mary Baldwin, "I went into graduate school knowing how to do basic lab tasks and, more important, how to ask questions. Having been placed in front of groups and asked to speak from the first days at PEG taught me how to speak to a group and how to present ideas."

**Laurel Carter '90** majored in mathematics and economics, graduating cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa. With a degree from the University of Virginia School of Law, she's working for the Alaska Public Defender Agency in Palmer in the south central part of that vast state. She handles misdemeanors, felonies, and cases involving juveniles and children in need, spending a fair amount of time in court. In Alaska for six years, she's married and has two beagles.



"PEG and MBC provided an excellent educational foundation for my present career," she says. "I came to the Public Defender Agency because it is intellectually and personally challenging. We serve many different functions in a single day or week, and the ability to change focus as required is essential. PEG encouraged us to take on a wide variety of subjects and extracurricular activities rather than comfortably coasting along."

"My professors at MBC required me to develop skills needed in almost every occupation: clear and precise thinking, writing, and speaking. Close relationships with professors, staff, and other students — encouraged by the supportive environment of PEG and MBC — also contributed to two of the most critical characteristics of a public defender: empathy and compassion for our clients and other people."

Family and friends have remembered **Ashley DuLac '89** by acknowledging excellent Mary Baldwin students in mathematics — her major. The Ashley DuLac Mathematics Award is presented each March at the honors convocation. Also, friends of PEG have donated children's books to the college library to honor DuLac, who died in



1997 and was interested in the healthy development of children.

**Jennifer Lutman '89** earned distinction in her major, English, and minored in philosophy, graduating magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa. She has a master's in English literature from the University of Illinois and a master of fine arts in poetry from the University of Michigan, where she won top prizes for student writers and has been teaching. "I love this work," she says. "My students have become inspiration for my own writing. They are the inspiration for pretty much my own everything. Teaching, quite simply, consumes me, and I adore it."

But Lutman is not finished with her education. Spurred in part by the additional opportunity at Michigan to work with teachers, she is pursuing a doctorate there in English and education. She wants to focus her studies on how learning influences writing skills — and how writing affects learning. "If all goes well, I will some day be teaching grad student instructors and conducting research designed to improve writing and reading instruction in higher education."



Though she sometimes thinks she was "coddled a bit" and occasionally envies people who have a longer adolescence, "now that I am entering my 30s and facing greater responsibilities and challenges, I see the roots of my confidence and skills showing, and those roots are so fundamentally PEG," says Lutman.

"PEG gave me gifts I would never trade. I was encouraged to embrace difference and risk. I became aware of social injustice and received the tools necessary to resist, critique, and work to erase it. I was intellectually challenged at a time when I needed to be challenged. And I was given 'culture,' by which I mean opportunities to develop my aesthetic sensibilities and make informed responses to the world and art. The trips we took, the shows we saw, and the model women we met — I think of those experiences often and, again, I thank my stars."

Added Lutman: "I want to say a special word about the academics. I think MBC is a perfect place for a program like PEG: small classes, emphasis on critical thinking, contact with professors. I got a quality education and, if I can toot my own horn a bit, I think my own students

benefit from my experience as an MBC-PEG undergrad. I try to give them the kind of support and guidance I received. Where else would I have learned this but from good models?

"I am also, always, particularly attuned to different learning styles and paces, and I try to keep up with the research on the best practices, cognitive development, and innovations and challenges in pedagogy. I'm not certain I would be so committed to this work had I never been a PEG student."

**Julie Sikes '89** earned a master's in instructional technology at Georgia Southern University after graduating cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa with a history major. She's an archivist of special collections at Georgia Southern's Zach S. Henderson Library.

"My history studies at Mary Baldwin were a big help when I first started out," says Sikes, "since that's where I first learned to work with primary source materials. Being able to look at materials as if I were a researcher wanting to locate specific information helps immensely when organizing collections and preparing finding aids."

"My experience at PEG has helped a great deal, too, but it's harder to explain just how. PEG is where I had to grow up. I learned how to do things myself, and that there is more than one way to go about everything. Being open to alternative solutions helps a lot when you're in a



profession where the 'correct' method of doing something is usually unworkable because of time and money issues."

Sikes plans to marry a Welshman — whom she met while traveling in Wales some years ago — and move to that country this year. She's learning Welsh so that she can continue her career as a librarian.

**Diana Ballard '91** is a statistician in the semiconductor manufacturing industry after earning a master's in statistics at the University of Texas at Austin. She graduated from Mary Baldwin cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa with majors in mathematics and English and a minor in Japanese. Ballard, who lives in Round Rock, Texas, works for Cypress Semiconductor, instructing co-workers. Semiconductors are the chips in everything from computers to cell phones to microwaves to garage-door openers.

"This is my first job where I am sure that some of the engineers I teach are actually younger than I am," says Ballard. "After all of these years teaching crotchety, set-in-their-ways engineers who have often been in this industry almost as long as I've been alive, it was something of a surprise to discover one day that one of my engineers is actually a full year younger than I am. Once I knew that, I realized that all of the new college grads are, as well. It feels odd to be the 'old' expert."

**Rosie Bolen '90** received a Ph.D. in biology at the University of Miami after graduating from Mary Baldwin magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa. She majored, with distinction, in biology and minored in psychology. She teaches

biology at Mount Saint Mary's College in Emmitsburg, Maryland, after holding a similar position at Wilson College, a small liberal arts college for women in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, where she conducted "a research project on campus on foraging behavior in squirrels."

Like some other PEG students, Bolen took time off between finishing Mary Baldwin and graduate school. "I spent a summer in upstate New York studying barn swallows at a biological field station. I also went on a trip to the Galapagos Islands, which I had wanted to do ever since I first heard of Darwin. I also picked up a physics course that I had not had time to take at MBC." Teaching while a graduate student inspired Bolen to pursue a career in the classroom.

"All of us who attended PEG did so during our 'formative' years, so for me at least, the experiences I had then have been very influential in directing the course of my life," she says. "I gained self-confidence and the courage to speak up. I learned that I could set high goals for myself and achieve them. The residential and administrative staff gave me the support I needed to take risks and try new things. They also helped me learn conflict resolution techniques and develop my interpersonal communication skills."

Says Bolen: "I often find myself sharing things with my students that I gained through my experiences at MBC, such as how to study effectively, how to prepare an oral presentation, how to work well with others in a group, or how to tackle a seemingly intractable problem. I credit PEG and MBC for much of the personal and intellectual development that allowed me to recognize what I wanted to do in life, and to achieve that through pursuit of a graduate degree."

"The wonderful thing is that MBC is still helping me. Since I started at Wilson, I have asked my former professors for teaching advice many times — the relationships I formed in college are still important to me today."

**Damaris Christensen '90** majored in biology and minored in chemistry, graduating cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa. With a master's in journalism from New York University, she writes about science and medicine for Science News and MSNBC among others. A resident of Alexandria, Virginia, she tutors in schools and a homeless shelter.

At Mary Baldwin, says Christensen, "I learned that I liked to be challenged, that I loved science, and that I disliked

## Malone Foundation Funds PEG Research

The Malone Family Foundation has granted Mary Baldwin nearly \$200,000 over three years to track students who have graduated from the college through its Program for the Exceptionally Gifted.

The Malone foundation, based in Englewood, Colorado, provides funding to institutions that offer education for the gifted. Founded in 1997 by communications executive John C. Malone, it has been a strong supporter of PEG. The foundation, which has given Mary Baldwin \$2 million to endow PEG scholarships, aims "to improve access to quality education for extraordinarily talented young people who lack the financial resources to develop their talents."

The new grant, totaling \$193,462, enables Celeste Rhodes, director of research for PEG, and a graduate assistant in the college's Master of Arts in Teaching Program to explore, in depth, factors contributing to the motivation and success of young women who forgo high school. Noted Rhodes, "PEG, which began nearly two decades ago, is an ever richer source of knowledge about gifted young women and the effects of radical acceleration of education in a single-sex environment." The study's results, she said, could help parents and educators better understand how to encourage growth in bright, eager young women.

research — all characteristics that set me on the path to a career in science writing. I met many of my best friends at Mary Baldwin, and they continue to comfort and guide and shape me.

"I learned that making your bed every day makes your room look neat even when it isn't, that having extra underwear and plenty of quarters is always a good idea, that you complain about stairs and regular exercise until it isn't a part of your life anymore.

"I learned that things change. I learned that even when you can't keep things from changing you can work hard to make your voice heard and that that can help things change in the directions you want. I learned that loving people doesn't make them perfect. I learned that rain on your graduation day can still make you slightly bitter 10 years down the road, but not spoil the joy of the event.

"Since PEG, I've realized that kids are much more willing to make huge changes in their lives than adults, that experience really does make a difference, and that there is always a tiny part of me that considers that watching the sunset from the hill in front of Hunt means I'm home."



**Erin Murray '90** earned a master's in industrial hygiene at the University of Montana, where her father taught business law and presented her hood during commencement ceremonies. She majored

in biology, with a minor in chemistry, at Mary Baldwin, and is applying to medical school — "what I always wanted to do" — after having worked as a corporate safety and health specialist.

"I focused on prevention of injuries and illnesses," says Murray. "This work was a continuous improvement process that required me to team employees with engineers and managers with the goal of creating change."



Several years ago, she earned certification as an emergency medical technician. "Making critical decisions while under stressful circumstances was a role that I found rewarding and exhilarating," says Murray. Now, as she pursues a medical degree, she says she understands her Mary Baldwin advisor's suggestion that she "get some life experience" first. "Twelve years of life and work experiences have enriched my compassion for others and my critical thinking skills. I have proven to myself that I have the maturity, stamina, and motivation to succeed in medical school. I know that I am committed to medicine, and I see clearly that I will find my life's work as a physician."

**Kathryn Price Amato '92**, who majored in philosophy, studied Arabic at the U.S. Army Defense Language Institute and is living in Hawaii with her husband and daughter.

## PEG Etiquette: Don't Mention Age (Everyone Else Is Probably Older)

Diana Ballard '91 passed along "things I learned at PEG and MBC that helped prepare me for my current life."

- Organized clothing drawers are a sign to stop procrastinating.
- Communicate early, completely, and brutally honestly about expectations and needs with anyone you plan on living with for more than five hours.
- Never, ever ask anyone's age.
- Avoid all conversations in which age is a topic, even vaguely. Keep a short mental list of other topics. When changing the topic, do so smoothly. Awkward topic changes are worse than answering age questions honestly.
- Although sleep is not absolutely necessary for life or to appear alert, it can be the difference between a task's taking 30 minutes and six hours.
- Friends, especially those of many years, are a treasure. Let them know often how valued they are.
- When engaging in a little mischief or any action for which permission would likely not be forthcoming, act casual and confident. Most people will not notice.



**Celeste Rhodes** is director of research for the Program for the Exceptionally Gifted. A former executive director of PEG, she has been associated with the leadership of the program since its beginning. Also a former member of the faculty of Mary Baldwin's Master of Arts in Teaching Program, Rhodes holds a doctorate from the University of Virginia in educational psychology with a specialization in the education of the gifted and talented.

## Students, Staff Settle into New Center

"The students are very excited," said PEG Director Judith L. Shuey on the Monday after moving-in weekend just before Thanksgiving. Despite all of the boxes she had to unpack, Shuey sounded excited herself about the new center.

She reported the first words scrawled on a message-board on a student's door: "You're never getting us out of here."

No wonder. Living and gathering areas are spacious and gracious. A student's family joined her for her birthday party with other PEGs in the well-appointed first-floor commons. Shuey said the commons, which has a full-scale kitchen and a wall of tall windows, is suitable for entertaining visitors and conducting other social activities.

Besides ample access for disabled students and the latest security equipment, the building has laundry facilities, study and music rooms, TV lounges,

kitchenettes, quarters for live-in adult supervisors, and staff offices. Students are in doubles, clustered in "pods." About 50, or two-thirds of the 77 PEG students, will live in the structure. As they get older and more mature, PEG students have the option of living elsewhere on campus.

"There's a lot of joking about its being like a luxury hotel," said Shuey.

"One student said, 'I rang room service, but no one answered.'"

Might other students be a tad jealous? "I'd ask them, 'Would you be willing to trade some of your freedom?'" said Shuey, referring to the strict living arrangements. "PEG students will spend a lot of time here. This is the center of their lives."





**Danielle K. Correll '01**

made these remarks to prospective PEG students visiting Mary Baldwin last spring. A Phi Beta Kappa graduate who majored in French and, with distinction, international relations, she began college, through PEG, at age 14. Correll is a contract specialist with the Navy, which hired her for the civilian position through its Outstanding Scholars Program. She is interested in becoming a Navy officer.

# Finally, the Fit Is Right

## Misfit. Outcast. Ostracized.

Didn't fit in. Unwanted. Not challenged. Alone. All of these words I use to describe my middle-school years.

I remember that first day of sixth grade: all dolled up and ready to see the friends I hadn't seen all summer, ready to learn all that new stuff middle school was supposed to teach you. So much closer to being a high school kid, even though only a summer had passed. Ready to be an adult, finally, as are all 11-year-olds.

However, that first day did not meet my expectations. I suddenly found myself not a member of the in crowd, even though no one had sent me a notice to that effect or had mentioned anything about a renewal of membership the previous spring. My "friends" — even my best friends — had decided without any warning to me that, somehow, I wasn't acceptable company anymore.

I wondered where I had gone wrong, what I had done to make my presence so despicable to the rest of my classmates. I liked to play around and joke, hang out and chill after class. I was a member of band, had a pool in my backyard, and dressed like everyone else. What was it that made me different?

Then it hit me. Well, the taunting hit me, to be exact. In grade school, words like nerd and geek weren't used except to imitate older kids. No one cared who the smartest kid in class was as long as he or she could play tag or touch football with the rest. Why is it so great that Carrie got the highest score on the last test? Johnny can run faster.

Dynamics had apparently changed while I wasn't looking, though, because no one cared about Johnny's speed — outside of gym — anymore. For some reason, the fact that I made the highest scores had suddenly become a reason for social stigmatization, and neither my pool nor my band membership could save me.

The social isolation hurt enough, but it was not the only thing that disappointed me. My classmates also proved to be a letdown. I had expected to

be challenged in my subjects, to be asked not only to memorize information for a test and then permitted to forget it, but to be introduced to other worlds, allowed to explore and form my own ideas, try them out for size.

Instead, I found myself moving from class to class almost in a daze, the tasks my teachers assigned neither stimulating nor engaging. I felt my school was wasting my time. So many days I'd complete assignments early and have half a class period left, my teachers unable or unwilling to provide me with further pursuits. The rest of the class I'd spend with my nose in a book brought in for just such an occasion, get permission to go to the band room for practice, or put my head down and sleep. None of these activities, by the way, did anything to dispel my reputation as the nerd of all nerds.

Three years passed like this: school days filled with too much teasing and not enough intellectual fodder, my time at home spent escaping into one book or another. If this was to be not only my middle school existence but also that of my high school days — which are supposed to be the best days of your life, right? — I wasn't interested. I needed an environment in which I would not be penalized socially for wanting to learn and that would provide me with all the opportunities to do so that I could desire. Maybe in such a place I could even talk with my peers about my academic interests — and afterward go bowling or do something equally normal.

Perhaps I missed my mark a bit with "normal," for bypassing high school completely is not most people's idea of the world. However, when I received a brochure from Mary Baldwin College's Program for the Exceptionally Gifted — or PEG, as we like to say — I knew my chance had come. PEG seemed to offer everything for which I had been searching: a challenging academic environment, a place in which I could work and play equally hard, and people who would understand my frustrations because they shared them and who would be willing to accept me for myself.

And then I was sitting where you are now, nervously wondering if my hopes would be fulfilled. After spending my day and night among PEG students and seeing how they interacted with professors and staff, I realized that here I could achieve my academic goals. In classroom discussions, each student gave her experience, her contribution, so that the group as a whole might better understand the subject matter. Professors encouraged participation and seemed just as enthralled by a good discussion as were the students. The students seemed as if they really wanted to be there, learning — from the textbook, from each other.

After watching interactions between the PEGs themselves, I knew I had found a social setting in which I would be accepted. Students spoke about their studies, traded make-up tips, decided what

majors sounded best suited to their interests, and debated whether one band or another would make the better party music. I slept better than I had in a long time.

The years passed, but very differently this time. Within the first few days of my freshman year, I had found friends with whom I could be myself and with whom I remain close to this day. We did all the normal college stuff: study late into the night, watch movies in whoever's room had a TV, attend lectures and orchestra performances, go to mixers and dance until we could barely stand, try cooking meals when we were sick of cafeteria food — the operative word here is try, by the way.

I decided on my majors and created a four-year plan for achieving them. Well, the majors did not change, but the plan did, frequently. I found myself looking forward to going to class, even early ones. While there, I felt as though my contribution actually had some weight. Never did I get away with rote memorization: If I did not understand the subject matter, I would not pass. No one held my hand. My successes were my own, realized through my own hard work and application.

On the flip side, my professors worked with me to help me get to wherever I wanted to go. When, with no French classes behind me, I asked my French professor if I could spend my junior year in France, she did not laugh. She helped me determine language proficiency requirements, find exchange programs suitable for my interests, and plan a track that would permit me to obtain the necessary proficiency even within my limited time frame. I did spend my junior year in France. And I loved it.

Some of you considering PEG have many friends back home but seek greater academic challenges; some of you feel that your current academic level or direction challenges you but that you need a change of scenery. No two students have the same impetus, and that's part of what lends diversity and variety to our student body.

However, coming back here as an alumna, with a career and an apartment instead of a thesis and a dorm room, I won't tell you that life will become easier as a result of coming to PEG. In my office, for example, there are some people who refuse to give me professional credence because of my age. I stay in some nights when my co-workers go to happy hour because I cannot get in the door. I have to have a provisional license in Maryland because I've only been driving for eight months.

No, PEG does not promise an easy ticket out of these situations. What is promised is an environment that will permit you — if you choose to accept the challenge — to discover the tools you need to overcome any obstacle life may throw at you. You will have plenty of maneuvering room, both social and academic. But, by the time you leave here, believe me, you will know who you are. I can't think of a more valuable pursuit.

## Store Owner Dies at Age 65

By Kristie DiSalvo



Tim Bowers pulled into the 7-Eleven parking lot on North Coalter Street in Staunton 15 years ago in a rental van packed with his clothes and furniture. It was his first stop in his new home, and the store's owner, Bob Wimer, was the first person he met in the city.

Someone told Bowers: "If there's anything you need to know, he's the person to ask. He's like the master sergeant of an army unit." Bowers stopped in for a visit virtually every

day since.

"I looked on him like a foster father," said Bowers, a computer programmer at Mary Baldwin College. "He gave me advice, real simple Zen lessons."

Wimer, 65, died at Augusta Medical Center September 10. Staff and students at Mary Baldwin College learned of Wimer's failing health by a mass e-mail. They sent cards, and one group of students made a videotaped greeting.

"He's someone who will be truly missed," said Kathy McCleafe, associate professor of physical education at Mary Baldwin College.

Wimer would cash checks for Mary Baldwin students, help others balance their checkbooks, and just listen when students or teachers needed to talk. His picture is spread through more than a decade of Mary Baldwin College yearbooks.

"Whenever you walked in the door, he'd smile and say hello," said Morgan Alberts Smith, a spokeswoman for the college and former student. "If he knew you were from Mary Baldwin, he'd give you an even bigger greeting."

Wimer attended graduations, athletics games, and any other events students asked him to attend. He also took regular walks on the college's track. He persuaded Bowers to join him.

"I have never walked as fast as I did trying to keep up with him," Bowers said. "He was passing girls with running clothes on. They would just shake their heads and laugh."

Through the years, Bower made signs for Wimer, some of which still hang in the store. Wimer wanted one that directed customers to the bottled water, and another that advertised restrooms for patrons only. When Bowers delivered the sign, Wimer would swap it for a hot dog.

On a few visits, Bowers mentioned problems he had at his house — once it was a porch light that didn't work. Wimer fixed it without his knowing.

"I never figured out why he was so helpful," said Bowers. "He was doing those kinds of things for other people, too."

If something was bothering Bowers, Wimer would listen. Bowers often favored dramatic change as a solution, but Wimer's lip would tighten and he'd shake his head. "Some things are better left alone," he'd say.

Bowers had a dream about Wimer recently. Bowers was getting coffee in the 7-Eleven when Wimer walked around the corner in a flannel shirt. Bowers later put his hand on the counter — he felt someone's hand pressing back. He looked up and saw Wimer smiling. "There's nothing to worry about," Wimer said. "I'm just glad this is the last part."

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# Run, Squirrels, Run

By Sherry R. Cox '99



A dozen Mary Baldwin women spent many hours last fall running through rutted fields, on the Blue Ridge Parkway, and across hills and stream at the Frontier Culture Museum. Early some mornings they circled the track at a nearby high school. That's when they weren't kickboxing or lifting weights.

Meet the cross-country team, MBC's newest varsity athletes. Few fans, little glory. Only miles to run before they sleep — miles punctuated by heavy breathing, pounding feet, and the voice from within that repeats: "If I can just get to the top of this hill."

Long before they reported for practice in August, the running Squirrels began learning about cross country. Many were first-time cross-country runners, introduced to the importance of summer conditioning by a package from Coach Gary Kessler in late June: a letter welcoming them to the team, warm-up exercises, tips for running in the hot sun, and a workout that Kessler described as "light" — 20 miles a week. "That's not a lot of running for a cross-country runner," he said. "We're working toward about 40 miles a week. And we do speed work, too. There has to be that balance."

Kessler, a high school physics teacher, combines more than 20 years of coaching experience with an understanding of the mechanics of running. His accolades include several district "coach of the year" and local "teacher of the year" titles. He has coached nine high school track and cross-country championship teams. He stresses the fundamentals of running and promotes it as part of a healthy lifestyle.

What pulls these athletes through the pain, frustration, and exhaustion? Sophomore Polly Aun of Lexington, South Carolina, echoed many of her teammates when she said,

"There is such a sense of pride and accomplishment after you and your teammates have finished a race." Aun continued, "I never thought I would be able to run such a long distance. I love challenges, and this has been a challenge for me."

"That's what makes a cross-country runner," Kessler said. "It's like people who climb Mt. Everest while others say, 'Why would you do that?' They want that challenge."

In its inaugural year, the team ran in five invitational meets and was represented in state and regional competitions. Six of the courses were 6 kilometers — about 3.7 miles — a 1-kilometer increase this year for National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III women. The Squirrels opened their season by placing 14th in a field of 20 teams at the Shepherd College Invitational in Shepherdstown, West Virginia. They steadily improved to a third-place finish at the Eastern Mennonite University Invitational, the final regular season event.

Sophomore Jessica Nevins, a newcomer to sports from Collinsville, Virginia, consistently led the Squirrels. "I decided to give it a try because I've always loved to work out and exercise," said Nevins. "The best part about running has been watching the improvements of everyone on the team. The worst thing was the 6 a.m. practices in the freezing cold. But even then, I always ended up feeling great."

Aun also was a strong finisher, as were freshmen Samantha Spole of Duxbury, Massachusetts, and Douglyn Skinner of Fredericksburg, Virginia, sophomores Tiffany Kent of Chantilly, Virginia, and Jackie Hartley of

Middletown, Maryland; and junior Julia Ireland of Hamilton, Virginia.

At the Virginia Division III State Championship, Nevins finished 16th, missing All-State honors by one position, and Hartley placed 71st. Both runners had personal best times. Out of 250 runners at the southeast regional competition, Nevins finished 53rd and Ireland placed 126th. Both posted personal bests.

Kessler looks forward to building a competitive program. "When other teams see us at a meet, I want them to think, 'There's Mary Baldwin. They could win this thing.' I just love the sport and developing runners. I am very excited about what's going to happen now."

Kessler has his eye on several locations in Staunton for a home course. Once a site is chosen, "I'll work it and put down some nice grass seed and fill in the holes. I hope that by

next year we will have a trail that we practice on and feel comfortable with — get all the kinks out. And then maybe the following season we could host our first college invitational." Smiling, he added, "I'm thinking we'll win it."

Having its own course and hosting meets should help the team build a following. "People don't realize how much fun cross country can be to watch," Kessler said. "They really battle out there. It's pretty exciting!"

Kessler's other goals include more conditioning in the summer and greater participation in local runs, especially ones that raise money for charities. "If you've been blessed with the ability to go to college and compete in a sport, you need to show that you care about people who might be less fortunate," he said.

Kessler looks forward to having some Squirrels help with the Augusta County Track and Field Camp that he runs each June for Augusta County youth. "That's a way that we can stay in touch with each other and with running," he said, "and I figure that if you're going to teach something, you want to be sure you're ready to do it."

## Athletes Earn Honors

In fall sports other than cross country, Mary Baldwin was the runner up in the Atlantic Women's Colleges Conference volleyball tournament, losing narrowly to the College of Notre Dame. The Squirrels finished the season with a winning record, 16-14.

Sarah Hatfield was named the conference's outstanding player; she and Megan Stahle were named all-conference. Ashley Ragland received honorable mention.

MBC finished fourth in the AWCC field hockey tournament and closed its season 7-12. Brantley Scott and Kathleen Nevin earned all-conference honors. Ashley Kizler and Stephanie Hatlem were honorable mention.

In soccer, the Squirrels' Amanda Bennett and Toni Ruocco were all-conference, and three players — Laura Beaudry, Maggie Eves, and Janice Udy — were honorable mention. The team, seeded third in the AWCC tournament, lost in overtime to sixth-seeded Hood College, ending the season 7-12. The squad was a young one; captain Bennett was the only senior.



# Campus Sledding Accident Claims Life Of Cross-Country Captain Grace Brooks



Shin splints and a leg injury kept Grace Brooks out of the running during much of the cross-country team's season last fall. But pain did not keep her from being what Coach Gary Kessler described as "a great team captain."

The 20-year-old junior from Mechanicsville, Virginia, died December 7 after sustaining head, neck, and back injuries in a late-night sledding accident on campus. Her inflatable sled hit a post supporting the scoreboard on the lower athletics field, an area that has long been a popular sledding spot for students and area residents.

The college's Residence Life staff and chaplain Pat Hunt talked with students immediately

after the accident. "The first concern is always people — to give students whatever support they need," said Crista R. Cabe, associate vice president for college relations. "Since Mary Baldwin College is such a close-knit community, we all — students, faculty, and staff — have felt this loss deeply. Because we are close-knit, we've helped each other. Our student leaders have been wonderful, and we are very proud of the friendship and leadership they have provided for the rest of the student body."

Students remembered their friend's laughter and encouragement. Some felt a "deep hole" left in their hearts by the death of an "MBC angel who will always be with the Class of 2004."

Kessler, the coach, recalled a "smile that lit up the

room."

Following a particularly grueling practice, he said, Brooks made milkshakes for the team. "You know how names fit people?" Kessler told the *Staunton News Leader*. "Well, the name 'Grace' fit her."

Roderic Owen, professor of philosophy, agreed. "Grace was well named by her parents. She was kind, even-tempered, and warm, with a quiet sense of humor." As a student, she was "strong and conscientious," he said.

A history major with a minor in religion, Brooks was a member of Civil War and World War II re-enactment groups.

In lieu of Bowers, the Brooks family suggested that donations in memory of Grace Brooks be sent to the Development Office, Mary Baldwin College, Staunton, VA 24401. She was remembered in a gathering at Miller Chapel and in notes that students, faculty, and staff sent to her family.



## The Brooks Family Responds

*Below are excerpts from the December 15 letter from the Brooks family to President Cynthia H. Tyson conveying gratitude for the "support, prayers, love, and kindness" following Grace's death. The family intends to respond individually to as many of the cards and letters as possible. Many were sent without return addresses, however, and the family wrote to Dr. Tyson to ask that its appreciation be conveyed to all at the college.*

We know that the girls — no, the young women — have left the campus for the holidays and we would have liked to thank them. We use the term young women because they have conveyed their sympathy with composure and understanding. All individuals connected to the MBC staff would be so proud of them. It's the special quality of character that Mary Baldwin would have envisioned for her young ladies of the future.

During the initial dark hours, the pain was almost unbearable. However, at the darkest hour, God sent out "earthly angels of Light" such as friends, loved ones, work colleagues, and, of course, the Mary Baldwin community to help lift our burden.

We derive comfort only from the fact that this was the college campus that Grace loved so much! Just recently, Grace remarked to her mother how she was so very glad to have selected Mary Baldwin as her college.

With the prayers of so many people that we do not know directly — such as Ms. Yum Arnold, who has done so much for Mary Baldwin; the Decker family, who left such a sweet note at the scene of the accident; Starling Crabtree '01, who still grieves for one of her deceased classmates but found time for us; the professors; the Athletics Department; Coach Kessler and the team, and so many more — we will make it.

Grace would have been the first college graduate from the Brooks family, and we would have been so very proud of her as always. To her friends and colleagues on campus, the Brooks family can only convey that we appreciate them so much but now is the time to get busy in school, and move toward that cherished moment in which they will obtain their degrees. We will feel proud of them, also.

The Brooks family extends its love and thanks to the Mary Baldwin community for what you have done for us.

— Cliff, Judy, and the Brooks family

# THE Gift SHOP

The Alumnae/i Association funds projects and events for the college through the proceeds from MBC Gift Shop sales. Recent projects have included the Library Leisure Reading Program, the Spring Fling for the senior class, and continued renovation of Spencer lounge. Every purchase from the Gift Shop allows the association to contribute to the success of Mary Baldwin.

## PAYMENT:

check (payable to Mary Baldwin College)  
money order, MasterCard or Visa

## SHIPPING:

\$5 on orders under \$100  
\$10 on orders above \$100  
For chairs, \$50 each  
For rockers, \$100 each

VA residents pay 4.5 % sales tax

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6-8 weeks shipping on miniatures, chairs  
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## A. SQUIRREL T-SHIRT

This popular 100% cotton preshrunk T-shirt is perfect for all ages

### Baby's T-Shirt

Small (6-8)	X-42 TI	\$12
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Small (10-12)	X-42 TCS	\$12
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Large (18-20)	X-42 TCL	\$12

### Adult's T-Shirt

Small	X-42 TAS	\$16
Medium	X-42 TAM	\$16
Large	X-42 TAL	\$16
Extra Large	X-42 TAXL	\$16

## B. MBC ALUMNA POLO SHIRT

This 100% cotton, 7 oz. white pique polo is an instant classic, featuring the new college logo with alumna in black and gold embroidery

Small	PS-1	\$25
Medium	PS-2	\$25
Large	PS-3	\$25
Extra Large	PS-4	\$25
Extra Extra Large	PS-50	\$25

## C. MBC POLAR FLEECE PULLOVER

Warm and cozy for cool days and evenings  
Light grey fleece with side pockets and zip-up collar. MBC logo embroidered in green. 100% polyester

Small	PF-1	\$45
Medium	PF-2	\$45
Large	PF-3	\$45
Extra Large	PF-4	\$45

## D. MBC COVERUP/NIGHTSHIRT

This white one size fits all T-shirt is perfect for sleep or sun

One size	X-47	\$18
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## E. MBC SWEATSHIRT

Keep yourself warm when the cold weather arrives in this hunter green sweatshirt with the college seal

Medium	X-46M	\$20
Large	X-46L	\$20
Extra Large	X-46XL	\$20

## F. MBC GYM SHORTS

Not too long, not too short, our navy gym shorts fit just right for any activity. 100% pre-shrunk cotton with inside drawstring and two side pockets. MBC logo silk-screened in white. "Cotton Deluxe" fabric made in the U.S.A.

Small	GS-1	\$20
Medium	GS-2	\$20
Large	GS-3	\$20
Extra Large	GS-4	\$20
Extra Extra Large	GS-5	\$20

## G. LADIES SPORT ANKLET SOCKS

Run, walk, and play in style. Each ankle band features the MBC logo in green embroidery. Ultra plush "Cushies" are 85% Hi-Bulk cotton, 15% nylon, and fit shoe sizes 6 to 10. Made in the U.S.A.

Socks	SA-1	\$10
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## H. MBC HAT

Brushed cotton baseball hat in white or khaki with green embroidery

White	X-50W	\$12
Khaki	X-50G	\$12

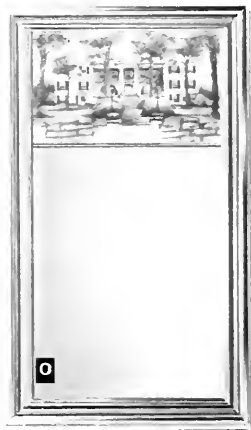
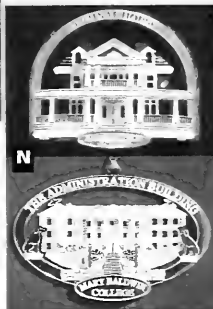
## I. MBC APRON

Full-length apron (20" x 30") with adjustable straps and two front pockets. 65/35 polyester/cotton in forest green with MBC logo embroidered in white

Apron	AP-1	\$18
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#### J. MBC CHARMS

Add one of these gold or silver charms to a necklace or bracelet to remember your MBC days. Great gift idea, too! Allow 2-4 weeks for delivery.

##### 10 Karat Gold

Acorn	TAC10	\$130
Apple	T-A10	\$95
Squirrel	TS10	\$95
MBC Seal	T-M10	\$30

##### 14 Karat Gold

Acorn	TAC14	\$195
Apple	T-A14	\$125
Squirrel	TS14	\$125
MBC Seal	T-M14	\$30

##### Sterling Silver

Acorn	TACS	\$30
Apple	TAS	\$30
Squirrel	TSS	\$13
MBC Seal	TMS	\$30

#### K. PEWTER JEWELRY BOX

Handcrafted in Virginia, this beautiful pewter jewelry box is perfect for your class ring, charms, and other keepsakes. Lined with blue velvet and engraved with MBC seal. 3.5 inches in diameter.

Pewter Jewelry Box	G-3	\$25
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#### L. SQUIRREL FRAME

Frame your memories in this pewter frame decorated with a raised brass squirrel.

Horizontal or vertical available		
4 x 6 Vertical Frame	X-62SV	\$25
4 x 6 Horizontal Frame	X-62SH	\$25
5 x 7 Vertical Frame	X-62LV	\$35
5 x 7 Horizontal Frame	X-62LH	\$35

#### M. MBC KEYCHAIN

Small but sturdy brass keychain with green MBC seal.

Keychain	X-51	\$10
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#### N. ELEGANT BRASS ORNAMENTS

Put MBC on your tree with these hand-crafted 3-D miniature ornaments showing the Alumnae House and the Administration Building. Available in sparkling 24k gold finish. Purchase separately or as a pair. Gift boxed.

Administration	X-35	\$10
Alumnae house	X-35B	\$10
Collect Both	X-35A	\$15

#### O. MBC PAINTED MIRROR

This handsome wall mirror features the Administration Building, artfully hand-painted on reverse glass using a centuries-old technique known as eglogmise painting. The wood frame has an antiqued silver finish that is appropriate for home or office.

Painted Mirror	EDPM	\$195
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#### P. PEN AND INK PAPERWEIGHT

The glass paperweight features a pen and ink scene of the Administration Building and is cast from pure American glass. An optional date or message can be added for an additional charge of \$10. Each paperweight comes in a custom-fitted black velvet pouch for gift-giving. Felt base.

Pen & Ink Paperweight	EDPW	\$30
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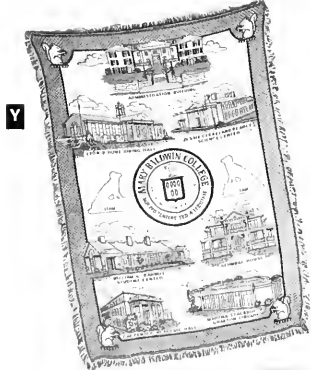
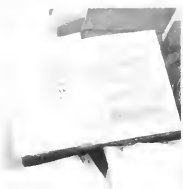
#### Q. MSC PAINTED BOX

This desk box makes a handsome addition to any home or office. Made of poplar wood hand-finished in deep cherry, it features an eglogmise hand painting of the Administration Building.

Painted Box	EDPB	\$195
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Dear friends,

When I began my term as president of the Alumnae/i

Association in July, I realized quickly that the time in office is short. Each president presides over four Executive Committee meetings and four full board meetings, writes six letters for the college's publications, and represents the association at a number of events. If my time as president is to be meaningful, it is important that I use this window of opportunity to be as useful as I can to our association. To do this, I recognize two things.

I am blessed to have watched and learned much from the executive director of alumnae/i activities, Lynn Gilliland. For a number of years as a member of our Alumnae/i Association Board of Directors, she provided outstanding leadership and continues to do so in her current position. She is an excellent role model for all with whom she comes in contact. I will be

most useful if I support the priorities that she articulates to us on behalf of the college rather than change course markedly.

I am fortunate to be surrounded by experienced thinkers and passionate souls on the Executive Committee and on the Board of Directors as a whole. I will be most useful if I encourage these outstanding people to use their experiences and passions to put together programs and opportunities that will reconnect alumnae/i who have not been involved with their college.

Keeping these two guiding principles in mind, I found our fall board meeting to be energizing and productive. Although each leadership weekend has many facets, our members that particular weekend focused on two programs.

Plans were completed for the leadership conference April 4 and 5 for past and present alumnae/i leaders. The Office of Alumnae/i Activities and the Alumnae/i Association will host the conference

on the main campus. Additional information about this exciting event can be found on the MBC Web site.

Second, our members began discussion of a comprehensive fresh approach for providing continuing education opportunities for our alumnae/i. We plan to have that program available in April 2004.

Just as I want to be useful as the president of our association for the next two years, each of you may have ideas about how you can be useful in supporting our college. I hope you will feel free to contact me if you have ideas or suggestions that will help us keep our 10,000-plus alumnae/i connected to our alma mater. There is such an array of ways for us to make meaningful contributions — individually and collectively! I look forward to hearing from you.

With warm regards,

*Sue McDowell Whitlock*

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Mary Baldwin graduates have asked how they might make lasting gifts to the college to mark the retirement and service of President Cynthia H. Tyson.

Tyson has indicated that her top priority is the endowment for leadership programs, a fund already begun in her honor. The next priority, she said, is the endowment for the master's program in Shakespeare and Renaissance literature in performance, followed by the new residence hall and center for the Program for the Exceptionally Gifted. Gifts also can be made to Annual Giving in her name.

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## class notes

### 1927

**SARA RALSTON Clowser** of Winchester VA reports, "At 91 I'm not slowing down very much — still taking care of my home, dog, yard, and enjoying my friends"

### 1931

**RUTH SEE** of Harrisonburg VA is a retired Christian educator. She says she is slowing down, but keeps busy and is doing well

### 1932

**VIRGINIA PAINTER Nicholls** moved into a retirement home in Newport News VA.

### 1933

**MARGARET KING Westcott** and husband Marg of Eagle Rock VA are still traveling in their motor home and make an international journey annually

**LOUISE RANDOL Brooks** of Richmond VA says, "I'm enjoying being 90!"

**KATHRYN SHANKWEILER Heydt** lives in a "lovely retirement community" in Allentown PA and stays busy volunteering at a hospital and a local blood bank

### 1937

**MARGARET BAILEY Schofield** great-great-granddaughter of Mary Baldwin College founder Rufus William Bailey, attended Mary Baldwin for one year in 1934. Fellow alumna **SUSAN BROWNE Webb** '65 of Oklahoma City recently had the pleasure of meeting Margaret and reports, "Margaret told me that when she went to Mary Baldwin the tuition was \$900. She only had to pay two-thirds tuition, thereby attending Mary Baldwin for \$600! Today, Margaret is 86 years young with a sharp mind and quick wit. She is delightful! She has been an avid reader and

worked at a local book store until she was 80. Margaret's daughter Sue works at the University of Oklahoma in the College of Liberal Studies and lives in Norman Ok. Son John lives in Memphis TN with his wife. It has been a real privilege to know Margaret"

**BARBARA JOHNSON von Reis** of Middleville VA would like to hear from classmates. She loves Mary Baldwin!

### 1938

**CHARLOTTE CARNEY Hawks** of Carrollton VA was featured in a June 27, 2002, Norfolk news article entitled "Selfless-Serving Seniors: What's Age Got To Do With It? Nothing, Prove Women Who Volunteer Locally" The article reported, "Throughout her career, Charlotte Hawks was librarian at three Portsmouth schools. Until a short time ago, she volunteered at the Carrollton Library on Mondays, but now concentrates on her work at the Smithfield Library and the Couteau Society." Charlotte has continued to take care of her yard and does her own housekeeping. Until last year she fished alone in her boat on a creek.

**MARGARET KELLER Pearson** of Arlington VA says husband Charles A. Pearson died December 14, 2001.

**AGNES MCCLUNG Messimer** writes, "My husband Don died in March 2002 after a long illness. I am very happy living in a retirement home in Waynesboro VA. I have a son and daughter, four grandsons, and four great-grandchildren."

**WINIFRED YOUNG Bowman** of Staunton VA says grandson John graduated from Virginia Tech in May 2002 and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army. Grandson Joseph is a junior at Radford University

### 1939

**HAZEL ASTIN Nelson** of San Antonio TX has two new great-granddaughters, giving her a total of 12 great-grandchildren. One of Hazel's grandsons is a major in the Air Force stationed in Afghanistan while another is a major in the Army

**MARGARET "PEGGY" BROWNING**

**Busick** and husband George love their retirement home of eight years in Lake Ridge VA, where they live near their children and families. Peggy and George have a cottage by a pond. They have two dogs and often see deer, rabbits, ducks, geese, and heron

**MARY CRONIN Wolfe** has nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren and lives in a retirement village in Silver Spring MD

**MYRTLE "PICKIE" FOY Hennis** of Mount Airy NC enjoys keeping up with classmates. **PAULINE OSBORN Crawford**, **MARGARET CALDWELL Herndon**, and **ELIZABETH BANNER Hudgins** She writes, "We've all got health complaints but are still kicking at 84"

**FRANCES PERROTTE Kresler** of Williamsport IN continues painting and teaching watercolor in her home. Frances is also helping a daughter with her antiques business.

**FRANCES RUE Godwin** and husband Fredrick of Phoenix AZ have been "traveling across seas and enjoying retired life!"

**JEAN YOUNG Moore** reports, "I am in my third year of independent living at Bridgewater Retirement Community in Bridgewater VA. It is a big change from living on a farm for over 60 years. Very stimulating!"

### 1940

**SALLY CHENEY Walker** of San Antonio TX writes, "I am painting seriously, acrylic on large canvases, and preparing for my next exhibition. I show in a gallery called Nueva Street in San Antonio." Sally has traveled much, including trips to France, Kassel, Germany, Prague, and Ghost Ranch NM

**SARA FRANCES FERRELL Shay** of Luthicum Heights MD writes, "I still work with the National League of Families (POWs/MIA's), the local Woman's Club, and in local politics. I am active in my college sorority and PEO, plus genealogical research! My daughter's family lives nearby, so I see them often. For a senior citizen, I'm busy!"

**ALICE JONES Thompson** of Virginia Beach VA reports that granddaughter Alice is a freshman at Davidson College and was valedictorian of her high school class. One of Alice's grandsons, a sophomore at Harvard, climbed a mountain in Spain this summer and was rescued by a helicopter after getting lost

**BARBARA PAYNE Webster** of Glen Head NY announces the birth of a great-grandson in May 2002.

**THELMA RIDDLE Goughly** of Jacksonville FL writes, "This year has been difficult. My daughter Ann died after a long battle with breast cancer."

### 1941

**MARTHA FARMER Chapman** of Dothan AL writes, "I am enjoying my three grown children and six grandchildren, who all live here in Dothan. I visited Mary Baldwin last year — I still love it!"

**DORIS SILER Miller** of Mt. Jackson VA has retired after 36 years of teaching in Shenandoah County schools. Doris has two children, three grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. She enjoys clubs and bridge.



**PAULA STEPHENS Lambert '65** (back row, middle) of Dallas TX celebrated 20 years of cheesemaking with The Mozzarella Company, a business she founded in 1982. **MBCalumnae** attending the anniversary party September 23, 2002, are (front row, l to r) **PAULA's mother, ELIZABETH RILEY Stephens '47** and **CAROLINE ROSE Hunt '43**



**BETSY NEWMANN Mason '69** and Mary Baldwin classmates celebrated the wedding of Betsy's daughter Clair Mason Kolar April 6, 2002. Pictured, to the right Betsy, **LYNN WHITE Cobb**, **REBECCA "BECKY" SAYLOR Brooks** and **SARA "SALLY" JAMES**



**CARLA CUSTIS Russell '95** (front row, center) and John Kenneth "Kari" Russell of Midlothian VA were married September 7, 2002, at Sunset Beach Resort on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. Among those attending are (back row, l to r) **PEGGY KELLAM '88**, **SUSAN KELLAM '94**, Penny Purdie and **MARY MORRISON '95**, **ALEXIS GRIER Reid '95**, **LEE THOMPSON Vermillion '95**, **PENNY JENKINS Lowrey '95**, **LAURA CROSS '95**, **MELISSA LAMBERT '95**, **ASHLEY LEFTWICH Lowrey '95** and **LEAH DALKE Timmerman '94**

**DORRIS WITHERS McNeal** of Virginia Beach VA writes, "We made a big move from our home of more than 40 years to a lovely retirement apartment. We spend about four months in Florida and time with our kids in Idaho. Life is good!"

## 1942

**JANE CRAIG Morrison** of Kennett Square PA writes, "I enjoyed returning to the college for my 60th reunion in May. The campus is beautiful, and the hospitality was heart-warming."

**ELIZABETH LUCK Stiles** of Ashland VA enjoys getting together each year with classmates **MARGARET MEREDITH Darden**, **ANNE HAYES Davis**, **EVELYN ENGLEMAN Matthews** and **JANE CRAIG Morrison** and their husbands.

**MARGARET McDONALD White** of King William VA retired from teaching in 1975 and continues to work in two funeral homes that she and husband Brydie own and operate. Margaret has two children, four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. She is an elder and organist at St. James Presbyterian Church.

**NANCY MCWHORTER Hurley** of Silver Spring MD writes, "Last May's Homecoming led to joining my classmate **HANNAH CAMPBELL Boatwright** in a trip to Prague, my second of the year followed by a maritime cruise through Germany to Amsterdam. It was delightful. In September I drove to Maine to visit my daughter and her husband and a number of friends along the way."

**MARY SIMPSON Bailey** of Columbia SC has two children, five grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. Mary stays active as a member of the Junior League, a garden club, and her church.

**LOUISE VANDIVER Mashburn** of Cumming GA has a great-grandson named Henry Case McCruder.

**ELISABETH White Willard** of Wilmington NC had a successful hip replacement in 2002.

## 1943

**SYLVIA LOGAN Carvin** of North Palm Beach FL writes, "I am still alive and in good health. I'm busy with choir, volunteer work at the hospital and nursing homes, and lots of duplicate bridge to keep my mind alert."

## 1944

**CHARLOTTE CRAUN Bishop** of Bassett VA writes, "I continue to enjoy retirement and working with Red Cross Blood Services. Visitation for the church is a pleasure as well. A cake-maker was imparted in my chest in June, and now I feel like a new person."

**GRACE DRYDEN Venable** of Towson MD writes that she and husband Sonny are enjoying retirement and keeping busy with their two college-age grandchildren.

**ANNE HANEKE McGough** of Lima OH keeps busy playing bridge, attending several club meetings, and doing a bit of traveling. She has several "fast-growing" grandchildren including a graduate of Duke University, two college freshmen, and a college junior who spent a semester in New Zealand.

**MILDRED ROYCFORT Teer** of Durham NC writes that she and Orlando have been married 60 years as of July 15, 2002. "We have eight grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. Things are fine with us. All live in this area."

**EVA VINES Eustler** of Mechanicsville VA says, "After my husband Ralph's retirement as an active bishop of the United Methodist Church, we moved from Knoxville TN to Richmond, where we lived for 13 years. In August 2001 we moved into Covenant Woods, a new retirement center. We are enjoying life here to the fullest."

## 1945

**MARGARET EARLE Baker** of Bronxville NY was deeply saddened by the death of dear friend and college roommate **LOUISE PLAGE Nailon**. Margaret's oldest grandson entered college last fall.

**NANCY NETTLETON Root** writes, "We are enjoying our condo in Trumbull CT near our daughter and her family. It's convenient to the library, post office, Stop & Shop, and town hall. We miss our home in Shelton, though we frequently return for church and volunteer work with the Boys & Girls Club."

**JULIA PANCAKE Rankin** moved into Canton Assisted Living of Cramer Mountain in Cramerton NC August 1, 2002.



**JULIE YOUNG Bayly '95** married Duane Allen Bayly August 17, 2002. **MBC** classmates pictured are (l to r) **GINA PEREZ Flynn**, **ANNE KENNAN**, **KATHRYN CARTER Morrissey**, the bride, **CARRIE BURKE**, **MARY BETH BUTLER**, and **ANNE BUSHMAN Bongiovanni**.



As announced in the fall 2002 *Mary Baldwin College Magazine*, **KATHERINE "KATE" LANGLOIS Faraci '98** married Steve Faraci February 2, 2002, in Richmond VA. Celebrating the wedding are 1998 classmates (back row, l to r) **AMY BAILEY**, **ANNIE ANDREWS Minix**, **LARA BRADLEY Ballard**, **TRACEY WEST Stanton**, **MAYGAN LIPSCOMB Elliott**, and **SUSAN BOLLINGER**. **CAROLYN "CARRIE" TIMMONS McCandlish** (front row, left) is next to the bride.



**MINDY WYTTENBACH Lindsey '97** of Charles City VA wed A. Lee Lindsey, a 1997 graduate of Duke University, August 3, 2002, in Chester VA. Sharing a laugh at the reception are classmates (l to r) **KATHRYN DAY**, **LEIGH ANN MANNING Atkins**, the bride, **REBECCA JACKSON Tucker**, **FRANCESCA RUSK**, **JENNIFER WALKER**, **KARI BAGDASARIAN**, and **SUZANNA FIELDS**. In attendance but not pictured was **ANNE KENNAN '95**.



**MARY ANN TAYLOR Murray** is retired and living in a small house that she and husband Charley restored in Lexington KY.

**ASHLIN WYATT Smith** of Charlottesville VA writes, "Lloyd and I now live in two of the best places in Virginia, Charlottesville and Northumberland County. We enjoy the Blue Ridge Mountains and the Chesapeake Bay, dividing our time equally year round."

**ELEANOR YEAKLEY Gardner** of Bellevue WA reports that grandson Kyle got married and her granddaughter attends the University of Seattle.

## 1956

**ELAINE BALDWIN** of Silver Spring MD directs the Constituency Outreach and Education Program in Rockville MD. The program is a nationwide communications initiative of the National Institute of Mental Health that enlists state and national organizations in partnership to help close the gap between mental health research and practice, and reduce the stigma of mental illness. Elaine writes, "After living in Indiana, Toronto, Massachusetts, and metropolitan Washington DC, I'm again pulling up stakes. California (East Bay) is next."

**FRANCES "BETTY" BRADFORD Hathorn** of Alexandria LA has a son who served as a vicar and is now living in South Carolina

**SUSAN DOZIER Grotz** of Ellicott City MD writes, "My husband Art is retired, and we now have 13 grandchildren. Our retirement celebration was a trip to Key West via the Intra Coastal Waterway October 2002 through May 2003. Our son Ned is associate rector at Trinity Episcopal Church in Staunton, a place that played an important part in my life during my four years at Mary Baldwin."

**ELLAWELLS "DUTCHIE" MILLIGAN Williams** of Matthews NC was expecting her ninth grandchild in January 2003. She has four granddaughters and four grandsons.

**NANCY PAYNE Dahl** of Staunton has been elected to the Mary Baldwin College Board of Trustees. Nancy is also on the boards of the Staunton and Virginia mental health associations and Lutheran Family Services of Virginia. She is co-owner of Triangle Real Estate and volunteers at Augusta Medical Center and Meals on Wheels.

**CLARE TROTTI Stephens** retired from her work as a speech/language pathologist last year and moved to Asheville NC.

**PENNIE WEST Covington** of Atlanta GA writes that she and husband Hewitt are doing well and enjoying their grandchildren. Son Matthew is a Presbyterian minister in Columbia SC and son Read is a teacher.

## 1957

**JUDITH GABEL Roeling** of Baton Rouge LA has been the associate presbyter of South Louisiana for five years.

**JANE HOGAN Moses** writes, "I have five fabulous grandchildren ages 3, 10, 12, 17, and 24. My husband and I love to travel and do it often. I spend most of my time and some travel doing needlepoint and many forms of embroidery. I still do catering, play bridge as

# There may be a college fair near you!

Mary Baldwin receives hundreds of invitations to college fairs every year. Without the help of people like you, many young women throughout the United States would not have to the opportunity to learn about what Mary Baldwin can offer them. Volunteers play a crucial part in recruiting students. We would love your help. If you are interested in attending a college fair on behalf of Mary Baldwin College, please let us know. The process is easy and lots of fun. The Office of Alumnae/i Activities will handle all of the paperwork and send you materials. All you have to do is attend the fair and talk about your alma mater. If interested, please contact Ryn Bruce, director of volunteers, at 1-800-763-7359 or [rbruce@mbc.edu](mailto:rbruce@mbc.edu).

## We thank the following volunteers for their assistance with college fairs last fall:

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Minta McDiarmid Nixon '63  
Augusta, Georgia

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Houston, Texas

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## We thank the following for their student referrals this past fall:

Rich van Breemen, MBC staff  
Jack Elliott, parent  
Mary Anne Wilson Gibbs '39  
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Amanda Davis '02  
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Betsy McLeod '03



Pictured here are **ANGELA EDWARDS '92** and **ANNE HANSON '93** at the Los Angeles Hyatt for the Hollywood Underground Film Festival in May 2002. *Manchild Unmasked*, a music documentary edited by Angela, was shown at the festival.



**JULIE "JULIE" RENN** Maurer '96 of Rockaway NJ married Adam Matthew Maurer May 18, 2002, at General Theological Seminary in New York City. In this photo (l to r) are **LAUREN LOGAN '96** the groom and bride, and **PEGGY "PEG" RUSNAK '96**



**ELIZABETH "BETH" PLEWES McKee '01** and 1st Lt. Matthew J. McKee, VMI '00, were married July 6, 2002. Celebrating are (l to r) **ANDREA LUCAS '01**, Justin Prior, VMI '01, the bride, John Turner, VMI '01, **REBECCA "BECKY" GROSS '01**, and John McGrady, VMI '01.

often as I can, and continue to be active in my church." Jane and husband Curtis live in Corrales NM.

**CARLA RUCKER** Nix of Dallas TX bought a hand-engraving business and works with silver and crystal.

**MARY LOU WELLS** Powell is "happily retired" and living in Asheville NC.

## 1958

**BARBARA BELL** Remen of New York City has a private psychiatry practice in New York and enjoys being a grandmother.

**CAROL GRIFFIS** Smith and husband George of Frederick MD have a grandson Jack, 2, and a newborn granddaughter, Anna Claire. Carolyn writes, "George is retired from the practice of medicine and is now entering politics. He is running for county commissioner."

**MARY MATTHEWS** Park of Norfolk VA spends time helping with her eight grandchildren, volunteering in her community and church, and enjoys tennis, gardening, bridge, reading, and traveling.

**MARTHA THULIN** Leynes-Selbert of Powhatan VA is retired but continues to work three days a week in lab support services for five hospitals. Martha has four horses, four sheep, three dogs, and two cats. She is a long-distance trail rider.

**NANCY WILLIAMS** Deacon of Waynesboro VA reports that she now has five grandchildren who live close by, so she can "see them all the time."

## 1959

**SANDRA ESQUIVEL** Snyder and husband William of Dallas TX recently celebrated the birth of first grandchild Boone and the addition of a daughter-in-law, married to oldest son Ed. In August, they completed a mountain home in Colorado.

**JULIA JOHNSON** Demler of Sparks NV works with the Eldernest program at the University of Nevada. Course offerings began there 10 years ago with 40 people, now 400. Julia "does not stop" and stays busy with grandchildren and many organizations and projects.

**BEVERLY MATTHEWS** Williams of Memphis TN is "enjoying retirement, grandchildren and golf." Beverly received "a couple of awards" for short stories she has written and is hoping they will be published soon.

**MCCHESEY "CHES" MAYER** Grabau of Ashburn VA returned from a three-month trip to Johannesburg South Africa, where her eldest daughter and family work as missionaries setting up orphanages for babies with AIDS. Ches reports, "It was wonderful!"

**EMORY O'SHEE** Apple of Louisville KY has a son and daughter-in-law who recently had twins (a boy and a girl).

**SUE RITCHIE** Scherff of Sparta NJ has retired from teaching after 33 years. Sue's sister **ANN RITCHIE** McHugh '56 died in March 2002.

**SUZANNE STIRLING** Duffey of Franklin VA announces "I have finally retired after 34 years of teaching!"

## 1960

**MARY "MIMI" COWAN** Grimshaw of Clifton VA keeps busy with volunteering, homemaking, gardening, and grandchildren.

## 1961

**SUSAN ELY** Ryan writes, "We have just liquidated our wholesale jewelry business and look forward to travel and relaxation in retirement!" Susan lives in Albuquerque NM with husband Charles.

**LYNN PURDOM** Hammonds of Marietta GA retired last May after 25 years of teaching at Mt. Bethel Methodist Preschool. She writes, "It has grown from 18 children (12 months to 5 years) to 485 children. Thanks to a good start from teachers at MBC." Lynn reports that in her last class she taught a child of **TRACY BURKS** Yancey '87 "Small world!"

**NANCY SIMPSON** Steinmiller of Mooresville NC announces the birth of first grandson Sawyer Steinmiller May 23, 2001.

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**TRACEY WEST Stanton '98** and **Chris Stanton** were married April 6, 2002, in Lynchburg VA. Pictured (l to r) are 1998 classmates **AMY BAILEY**, **MAYGAIN LIPSCOMB Elliott**, **KRISTEN BENTZEN**, **ERIN CHANDLER Thompson**, **NANCY BOLLINGER**, **CAROLYN "CARRIE" TIMMONS McCandlish**, the bride, **ANGELA "ANGIE" AMOS Rowe**, **SUSAN BOLLINGER**, **KATHERINE "KATE" LANGLOIS Faraci**, **ANNIE ANDREWS Minix**, and **DIANE "SHELLEY" KELSAY**



**CATHERINE BLACK Ogletree '99** and **Brett Ogletree** married October 5, 2002. Mary Baldwin friends shown here are (back row, l to r) **ANNIE SAVAL '99**, **LISA TANSEY Jones '96**, **SUMMER SAUNDERS Milligan '99**, **JENNIFER NERRING '00**, **AIMEE FAVREAU '99**, **CATHRYN "RYN" BRUCE '99**, **LISA HELFERT Hart '99**, **EMILY GOETZ '99**, (middle row, l to r) **LAUREN DYSON '99**, **CATHERINE CUMMINGS '99**, **REBECCA STEVENS '99**, **TEPHAMIE DAWSON '99**, **TOTTY EDWARDS '99**, **JENNIFER EDWARDS '99**, (front row, l to r) **HEATHER "ERIN" THOMAS Kmiecinski '98**, **NICOLE NAPIER '99**, **GRETA WINN '99**, the groom and bride, and **SARAH WILSON Clapper '99**

## 1962

**SUSAN JOHNSON High** of Maple Glen PA celebrated the marriage of daughter Amanda to David Mocs June 15, 2002, at a farm in Doylestown PA. Amanda spent most of the past seven years helping the poor and sick in Third World countries, including Kenya, Northern Zambia, Pakistan, Azerbaijan, and Sudan. Amanda wore her mother's wedding gown for the ceremony.

## 1963

**MARGARET "PEGGY" ENGLE Trumbo** of Alexandria VA is happy to report, "Richard and I became grandparents for the first time. Jacob Robert Trumbo was born June 4, 2002, to our son Hunter and his wife Stacy."

**LYNNE FORBES Marion** of Scottsdale AZ is a program coordinator for Arizona Prevention Resource Center, where she has worked for 11 years. Lynne has also served as a mentor with Big Brothers/Big Sisters for six years and has three "littles" with the program.

### MARY-RUTHERFOORD MERCER

**Ferguson** of Richmond VA is a grandmother for the first time. James Colter was born to son Allen Ferguson and wife Caroline March 20, 2002, in Jackson Hole WY. "All doing great!" she says.

## 1964

**SALLY DORSEY** writes, "I am thrilled to be serving Mary Baldwin in a new capacity as a member of the Advisory Board of Visitors (ABV). At home in Atlanta I am busy as chairman of the 2003 Swan House Ball, a benefit for the Atlanta Historical Society." Sally reports that **BETTY BAL-LENTINE Auld '56** is a great supporter of the historical society and is serving on her committee. Sally showed husband Herb Miller the MBC campus in October.

**ALICE FARRIOR Butler** of Portsmouth VA continues her work as a computer scientist for the Navy. Daughters Rebecca Player Butler and Courtney Leigh Butler-Longino live in Virginia Beach and North Carolina, respectively. Husband Paul works with city museums. "Life is good!"

**FAIRFAX HARDESTY Montgomery** of Starville MS celebrated the birth of new grandchild Reese Caleb Tissin June 24, 2002.

**MARTHA MCDEVITT Thomas** of Richmond VA works part-time as a tutor in language remediation and volunteers at the Virginia Museum and the Woman's Club. She writes, "I have two granddaughters ages 9 months and 3 years — life is never dull!"

**JILL MORTON** of Honolulu HI was quoted in the article "The Rules of Blue," which appeared in the April 2002 *Better Homes and Gardens* and "Color in Numbers" in the February 2002 *American Demographics*.

**DARLENA SIZEMORE Mixon** of Winston Salem NC retired from her work as a school psychologist with Winston-Salem/Forsythe County Schools.

## 1965

**SUSAN BROWNE Webb** and husband Fred (W&L '65) moved from Oklahoma City OK to Covington VA in September. Susan writes, "After 24 years as an installed pastor and 10 years as an interim pastor, Fred is retiring. Our son Wil is married to Ruth and living in Richmond. They have a baby, Connor, who was born in March. Our daughter Betsy lives in Charlotte with her husband of two years, Chris Canup." Susan recently met **MARGARET BAILEY Schofield '37**, who is the great-great-granddaughter of Mary Baldwin founder Rufus William Bailey. (See 1937 note.)

**MEREDITH CARTER Patterson** lives in Burlington NC. Meredith has a daughter Jill, in Spain, and a granddaughter Sydney Peterson, 3.

**MARGARET GUNTER Riddle** of Asheville NC recently returned from "four wonderful weeks in Europe, England, and Scotland." Margaret visited friends and areas where her ancestors once lived.

**JANICE JONES Collins** has "two bundles of joy" — grandson Collin, 2, and granddaughter Maggie, 2, who lives in Germany and is learning German.

**PAULA STEPHENS Lambert** of Dallas TX celebrated 20 years of cheesemaking with The Mozzarella Company, a business she founded in 1982. On September 23, 2002, Paula held an all fresco dinner party adjacent to the cheese factory honoring employees, customers, and friends. A strolling accordionist serenaded guests as they arrived for dinner, and a salsa band provided lively music for dancing. MBC alumnae attending the party were Paula's mother, **ELIZABETH RILEY Stephens '47**, and **CAROLINE ROSE Hunt '43**

**CHARLOTTE TYSON Newborn** lives in Farmville NC. Daughter Amy gave birth to Charlotte's first granddaughter, Leslie Elizabeth Meadowcroft.

## 1966

**ANN FIELD Alexander** of Christiansburg VA participated in a National Endowment for the Humanities Institute entitled "An Appalachian Exemplar," held at Ferrum College June 3-28, 2002. Ann, promoted recently to professor of history, is director of the Roanoke Regional Center for Mary Baldwin College. Ann says, "I am certain that the Institute will improve my teaching and make me a better advisor." Ann also has a new book (see page 36).

**MARY CHENAULT Bomar** writes, "I retired from Wake County Social Services in September 2000, and moved to the country just outside the small town of Wartrace TN, where my husband Edgar was born and raised. I spent the first 20-plus years of my life in Virginia, the next 29 in North Carolina, and now I am settled for the remainder in beautiful middle Tennessee. We love retirement and plan to travel a lot in our camper."

**FLORENCE "TIKKER" MERRITT Percy** lives in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. Son Matthew, 28, became engaged last summer, and the wedding is planned for July 26. Daughter Sarah is engaged and working on her doctorate at Oxford University in England. Husband David is the dean of the law school in Alberta.

**PAMELA WAVELL Clark** of Coleman GA reports, "I just got married and moved to a horse farm. My husband Dr. Paul C. Clark Jr. is a retired lieutenant colonel and professor of Latin American history, and he is raising Tennessee walking horses. We spend lots of time traveling. My girls are now 20, 24, and 32!"

## 1967

**NANCY RUBRIGHT Gates** of San Francisco CA works in the insurance industry. Her position requires handling a large multinational account and traveling to Paris. "Knowledge of French was a must."

**KAY SAFFOLD Rapkin** writes, "I am enjoying living back in Savannah GA. My daughter Katharine is an editorial assistant at Time-Warner Books in New York City. My daughter Mary and son Paul are attending school and working in Lincoln NE."

## 1968

**DIANE HILLYER Copley** and husband Richard continue to live in Vermont and spend winter months in Memphis TN.

**MARTHA "MARCY" JERNIGAN Sims** is director of the Virginia Beach Public Library and lives in Virginia Beach VA with husband Hunter, an attorney in Norfolk. Son Hunter graduated this year from the University of North Carolina, where he played varsity lacrosse. Daughter Clere is a senior at James Madison University.

**ELISE PALMA Couper** of Severna Park MD attends graduate school at American University in the Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL) Program. Elise also teaches adult ESL students. Mother **ELISE CASCCELLS Palma '39** is teaching at her local literacy council.

# Atlanta Business 'Divas'

RAY CASTLES UTTEHNOFF AND PATRICIA "TRICIA" ZIMMERMAN ALLEN, both Class of 1968, were among those featured in an Atlanta business magazine as "Divas 2002" for their achievements.

"In 1997," the article in *Business to Business* relates, "Ray founded the Southeast retail team of CB Richard Ellis, a division providing acquisition and disposition services for major retailers. With more than 20 years of experience, she is known throughout the retail community as one of the most knowledgeable retail real estate advisors in the Southeast."

Uttenhoff has helped other women achieve success on both professional and community levels. As an advisory board member of the CB Richard Ellis Women's Network, she oversees mentoring and education programs dedicated to creating leadership opportunities for women throughout the organization. Last July, Uttenhoff became president of the Atlanta Women's Foundation, which improves the lives of women and girls. On the board of Families First and a member of Commercial Real Estate Women, Uttenhoff established a CREW fund for homeless women and children that has generated nearly \$1 million.

The article describes Allen's lifelong friendship with former President Jimmy Carter, for whom she worked after graduating from Mary Baldwin. "Today," says the article, "Tricia is one of Atlanta's best-known fund raisers. Currently chairman of the board of trustees of the Nature Conservancy's Atlanta operation, she has just finished up a \$40-million capital campaign and has worked on the organization's billion dollar national campaign."

Allen has been a director of the Southeastern Flower Show and the Georgia Wildlife Federation, on the board of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and of the Jekyll Island Foundation, and chairman of the board of the Atlanta Botanical Garden. "If you want to do something to make your life last longer," she told the publication, "do something that outlasts your life."

**CAROLINE SMITH Morton** of Strasburg PA is executive director of the Clinic for Special Children in Strasburg. Husband Holmes is medical director and pediatrician. Built in 1990 in the middle of a cornfield on an Amish farm, the clinic now has eight staff members. It provides primary care to the children of the Plains sects in Lancaster County, and treats children with inherited metabolic disorders to which Amish and Mennonites are susceptible. Caroline and Holmes have three children: Mary Caperton, 20, Sarah, 18, and Paul, 15.

**ELIZABETH FLOETING Davis** lives in Chesterfield VA. Daughter Lisa is an engineering student in her third year at the University of Virginia and son Chris is in his second year at the University of Pittsburgh.

**CLAIRE "YUM" LEWIS Arnold** was named a finalist for Small Business Person of the Year 2002 in the Atlanta area. Yum is co-founder and CEO of Leapfrog Services Inc., a \$2-million company with 20 employees that offers sophisticated technology to small and mid-sized firms. The four-year-old company offers clients remotely monitored Internet technology services designed to reduce costs, boost efficiency, and safeguard against viruses and hacking. She serves on several boards, including those of Mary Baldwin College, the Fuqua School of Business at Duke University, Westminster Schools in Atlanta, Leadership Atlanta, the National Conference of Community and Justice

regional board, and the Churches Home Foundation. Yum lives in Atlanta with husband Ross, who owns an investment firm. She is active at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Atlanta and enjoys reading. "It's a fun life," she says.

**JOAN SKELTON Smith** and husband Mike moved from Zurich Switzerland to "The beautiful English village of Haddenham in the lovely Chiltern hills, 17 miles east of Oxford and just 45 minutes from London by train." They live in a 300-year-old thatched wicket cottage next to the village pond and green.

**FRANCES THOMPSON McKay** of Washington DC writes, "The Contemporary Music Forum gave a concert of my works at the Corcoran Gallery May 9, reviewed in *The Washington Post* May 11, 2002." Frances had a commissioned piece performed by the Alexandria Choral Society, reviewed in *The Washington Post* June 3. It was also performed at Dance Place.

**MARY WARD** of Catharpin VA retired from Compaq Computers after 20 years.

## 1970

**JEAN BARRY Strain** is a certified Christian educator for the Presbyterian Church (USA) in Dalton GA.

**WHITNEY HANES Feldmann** of Roanoke VA has a daughter practicing law with Whitney's husband, a recently married son in medical school, and another son who graduated from Hampden-Sydney College last year.

**GRACE HITCHAM McGrath** moved into a high rise in downtown San Diego CA. She has two sons: Brent, an attorney in San Francisco, and Michael.

**ZOE KERBEY Holmes** writes, "Our youngest daughter, Libby Juarez, had a little boy, Alexander Edward Juarez, on December 4, 2001. We're enjoying being first-time grandparents." Zoe works for Kansas City International Airport, which "has been a challenge" since September 11, 2001.

**JANE LETHERMAN Reilly** of Croton-on-Hudson NY writes, "My family is in the process of relocating and retiring to Florida. I retired from teaching, and my husband William retired from the law. My only child, Christine, is a reporter with the *Cape Coral Daily Breeze*."

**ELIZABETH NESBITT Thomason** and husband Ronald of Wise VA write, "Sean, our son, is a fourth-year student at the University of Virginia. Our daughter Katie is in graduate school at Arizona State University."

**ISABELLE TURNER Knight** of LaGrange GA writes, "My oldest daughter Whitney is in her second year of law school at Washington University in St. Louis. She worked as a plant manager and already had a degree in chemical engineering. My daughter Meg married last year and my youngest, Callie, is majoring in violin performance. We hope she will continue graduate school next year."

## 1971

**LAUREL CATCHING Alexander** is the new director of development for the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum in her hometown of Oklahoma City OK. Laurel describes the museum as "the best living testimony of our unique American character — a relevant expression to each American, and a witness to the world of our true national personality." From 1990 to 1994 Laurel served as executive director of alumnae activities, director of major gifts, and director of annual donations at Mary Baldwin.

**ANN COLLINS** of Laurel MD continues to run her own graphic design business called Collins Creative Services.

**KATHRYN "KAE" ENGLISH Roberts** of Charlotte NC writes, "I am a technology specialist at an elementary school in Charlotte. Switching gears from medical technology to child rearing to education was not difficult with the liberal arts background I received at Mary Baldwin. I went back to school to earn my master's in library and information studies from University of North Carolina-Greensboro, and the media center directed me into technology. I've enjoyed getting back to the hill country of Virginia, as my son is in his second year at UVA."

**ANNE HALL Billings** of Dallas TX married Bruce E. Billings August 3, 2002. They honeymooned in Hawaii. Anne purchased a beach house on the Texas coast in 2001 and had a busy year planning her wedding. She visited with **ISABEL WILLIAMSON Smith** '71 during her summer trip to Texas from South Carolina, and she sees classmate **CYNTHIA FITCH** at a monthly investment club meeting. A portrait by noted American artist Martha Simkins of Anne as a child with her mother **VIRGINIA DAVIS Hall '43** is featured in Martha Simkins Rediscovered, a traveling art exhibit that opened in January at the Morris Museum of Art in Augusta GA.

**KATHRYN JACOBS Wendell** writes, "My older son, Preston, finished his first year at the Medical University of South Carolina. My younger son, Stephen, will attend Princeton University." Kathryn and her family are moving to Kiawah Island off the coast of South Carolina.

**JULIE MARSHALL Naw** of Raleigh NC says she "retired after 30 years in Wake County Public Schools — 28 years in the classroom and the last two as president of the Wake School employees organization."

**ELLEN PORTER Holtman** writes, "I'm fulfilling a dream I've had since freshman biology at MBC — visiting the Galapagos Islands! As always, my best to Dr. John Mehner and Mrs. Bonnie Hohn!"

**MARSHA SPEARS** of Austin TX has a daughter, Morgan, who is a freshman in high school, and a son, Hunter, who is a freshman at Texas Christian University.

## 1969

**ANNE EMMETT Thompson** of Export PA reports, "My son Stephen graduated from high school last year and is attending Ohio University, studying engineering."

# Hancock '73 Named Dean of Seminary

EUGENIA LEE HANCOCK '73, an ordained Presbyterian minister, has been appointed dean of Auburn Theological Seminary in New York and director of its Center for Multifaith Education.

Auburn shares a campus with Union Theological Seminary, working closely with Union to provide programs for Presbyterian students. Auburn says it educates religious leaders "for two major challenges: discovering how the Christian traditions to which it is linked can meet the needs of a changing world, and promoting understanding across the lines of religious differences."

A former minister at Presbyterian

churches in New York, Hancock was director of the Women in Ministry Project for the National Council of Churches and co-founded the AIDS Resource Center, known now as Bailey House, in Greenwich Village in lower Manhattan. She recently earned a Ph.D. in religion and society from Drew University in northern New Jersey and is a member of the faculty of New York Theological Seminary.

Hancock, who frequently writes and speaks about healing and healthcare, has long consulted with corporations, educational institutions, and nonprofit organizations about ethics, health and healing, spirituality, and women's issues.

**LEIGH SUHLING** Barth writes, "In 2001, Brad and I moved from Columbia MD back to my hometown of Lynchburg VA. Our son Eddie is in eighth grade and has adjusted well after a rocky start. Our daughter Nina is majoring in hospitality and tourism management at James Madison University."

**GRAY THOMAS** Langston of Fort Smith AR has been teaching for 29 years. Husband Jack died last January.

## 1972

**JILL BUTLER** Pendleton of Roanoke VA writes, "I hated to miss our reunion, but I was watching my daughter Christen graduate from the University of Virginia along with the daughters of classmates **KATHY YOUNG Wetsel** and **SUSAN PIERCE Lancaster**. My son Frank is at Randolph-Macon College, and John is a high school sophomore."

**ROGENE ELKINS** Laserna of Bryn Mawr PA is on sabbatical from teaching Spanish language and literature at the Haverford School in Haverford PA. During the first semester Rogene will travel to colleges and universities to study the creative use of technology in foreign-language classrooms. She and her second son will spend the next semester traveling throughout Spain.

**KATHLEEN MADIGAN** Muehlman teaches high school and enjoys gardening in Charleston WV. She is sorry to have missed her 30th reunion.

**VIRGINIA MASTERS** Fleishman writes, "The last of my three children just graduated from high school (Nathan is heading to Appalachian State this fall), so I am facing the 'empty nest.' Hope to spend more time in the North Carolina mountains (Linville area) with husband Henry and our four-legged family!"

**SUSAN OSBOURNE** Symmonds of Brooklyn NY continues to work with emotionally disabled students for the Board of Education in New York City. Daughter Tiana

graduated from Carnegie Mellon University in 2000 and received a master's of science in public policy management at the Heinz School in 2001. Daughter Erika graduated from college in Connellsville OR and is employed by Hewlett Packard.

**NINA REID** Mack of St. Matthews SC reports "Both our children are now in college. My husband Francis and I moved to our family farm last summer. We have a longer commute to work in Columbia but enjoy being surrounded by woods, fields, and ponds."

**KAREN SEARLE** Snyder of Alexandria VA is a primary teacher for mentally retarded children in the Alexandria City public school system. Karen's daughter Rebecca is in graduate school at UVA, and son Brant is a junior at Georgetown University. Both children are on rowing teams.

## 1973

**CARMEN HOLDEN** McHaney of Little Rock AR writes, "My son Michael graduated from Kenyon College in Ohio this spring, and son Holden just completed his freshman year at Westminster College in Missouri. I continue to work in the corporate advertising department at Dillard's Department Stores. As a Little Rock cities commissioner, I have enjoyed visiting sister cities in Taiwan and Italy over the past few months. Husband Jim has new hobby — fly fishing — while I continue trying to perfect my golf game and bridge."

**RUTH LUOMA** Fenstermacher and husband Bill reside in Gloucester VA, where Ruth is a pharmacist at Riverside Walter Reed Hospital and Bill is in the building business. The couple has two daughters: Ashley, 28, and Katie, 17. Ashley is working on her doctorate in pharmacy administration at the University of Maryland, and Katie is a high school senior who hopes to attend Mary Baldwin this fall.

**SARAH HILL** of Broadway VA received a master of divinity degree from Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education May 26, 2002, and was the recipient of the Key Friends Award. Sarah holds a master of arts degree from UVA and is pastor of Broadway Presbyterian Church.

**PATRICIA LACY** of Corvallis's OR is "happily practicing law as one of three attorneys employed by the Associated Students of Oregon State University." Patricia also teaches parent education classes to divorcing parents with children under 18.

**MARY TEMPLE** Somerville of Vienna VA is a partner with a financial services consulting firm. Daughter Emily is a freshman at Princeton University.

## 1976

**SHIRLEY DOUGLASS** of Richmond VA writes, "I am a LTC chief nurse in the Virginia Air National Guard. We had a wonderful three-week vacation in Hawaii last March on four of the islands."

**ELEANOR "CHAD" GUBBINS** Moore writes, "After 18 years on the prairie I moved home to Charlotte NC. I'm so happy to be back on the East Coast close to family, friends, the beach, and the mountains!"

**SHAWN KEYS** Whitman moved with her family into a new home in Tulsa OK. Shawn says her property is 50 acres, and she can hear coyotes howling at night.

The latest book by **NICOLS FOX** '64 is *Against the Machine: The Hidden Luddite Tradition in Literature, Art, and Individual Lives*, published in November by Island Press. "Our relationship to technology has become complex," writes Fox, "a mixture of adulation, dependency, frustration, and rage."

In her book, she explores how notable thinkers and writers over the past 200 years have resisted or at least questioned, sometimes with considerable public sympathy and support, presumed progress and its ever greater reliance on increasingly sophisticated machines, including computers.

Fox, who lives in Bass Harbor, Maine, is also the author of *Spoiled*, about food-borne diseases, and *It Was Probably Something You Ate*. She has contributed to *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, and *The Economist* among other publications — and recently was the subject of a lengthy and prominent profile in *The Washington Post*.





**CAROLYN "CARRIE" TIMMONS** McCandlish '98 married Scott McCandlish May 4, 2002, in Charlottesville, VA. Classmates shown in this photo are (back row, l to r) KATHERINE "KATE" LANGLOIS Faraci, AMY BAILEY KRISTEN BENTZEN, MAYGAIN LIPSCOMB Elliott, TRACEY WEST Stanton, CAROLINE WRIGHT, NANCY BOLLINGER, ERIN CHANDLER Thompson, HOLLY GREENWOOD Brock, SUSAN BOLLINGER (front row, l to r) LARA BRADLEY Ballard, the bride, and NATALIE CROSS



**KRISTEN BRYANT** Gould '02 and Les Gould were married June 8, 2002, at VMI. Mary Baldwin alumnae and students pictured are (l to r) AMANDA SMITH '01 LAURIE DOUGLAS '03 JACLYN KITONIS Vaughan '02 ALEANDRA PRICE '02 SARAH LAYNE '02 the bride, KELLY BRYANT '01 DIONNA MCINTYRE '02 LUCIA "YOGI" ALMENDRAS '02, CARLISLE CONNELLY '04 and BETH FULTON '03



**JENELLE LIVESAY** Mick '02 and Kevin Mick of Colorado Springs CO were married September 21, 2002, in Nags Head NC. Pictured are MBC alumnae and students (back row, l to r) HOLLY CURRY '03, JENNIFER WEST '02, ANNA HENLEY '02, AMELIA NUSBAUM '02, the bride, COURTNEY BLASUIS '02, HEATHER SMITH '03, LAURA LEMBEKE '02, (seated front, l to r) MARISOL EUCEDA '04 and RIAN MCMULLEN '01

**VICTORIA "VICKIE" SIMONS** of Kingsland TX attends seminary at Perkins School of Theology. Vickie often thinks of "the gang" and remembers MBC fondly. She says, "We will miss you, President Tyson!"

**VALERIE "VAL" SUTTON** Payne of Waynesboro VA is pursuing a master's in counseling at Eastern Mennonite University. Valerie reports that her daughters are doing very well.

**PAT TUGGLE** Collins of Midlothian VA continues teaching at a local high school and college. Daughter Jennifer will graduate from Shenandoah University in May, and children Tom and Maggie are in high school.

**LAURA WALL** Phillips lives in Norfolk VA. Son Walker is a graduate of the University of Kansas, and daughter Bailey is a sophomore at Virginia Wesleyan.

## 1977

**BARBARA CARRICK** Dumbaugh of Sarasota FL is the top-producing real estate agent for Michael Saunders and Company and has been a member of its President's Circle for the past two years. Husband John is a Florida board-certified real estate attorney.

**ELOISE CLYDE** Chandler of Virginia Beach VA is president of Vantage Consulting, an investment consultant firm in Virginia Beach. Eloise has daughters Patsy, 13, Caroline, 17, and Mimi, 19, a sophomore at Southern Methodist University in Dallas TX.

## 1978

**ANNE KRUTULIS** Knopp of Staunton VA teaches blind students at the Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind. Son Michael has married, and oldest son Paul is in the Navy and served in Operation Enduring Freedom.

**CARROLL MCCAUSLAND** Amos is "glad to be home" after moving from Midlothian to Lynchburg VA, where she lived when

she attended Mary Baldwin. Daughter Salie, 19, is a freshman at Lynchburg College, and daughter Mary Carter, 12, is in seventh grade at the middle school Carroll attended.

**LAURIE SCOTT** Bass and husband Travis of Roswell GA celebrated the birth of first grandchild Helen Edith "Edie" Bass June 17, 2002. Edie was born in Raleigh NC to their son Ed and his wife Lauren. Daughter Liz, also in Raleigh, is a junior at Meredith College.

## 1979

**LESLIE DORE** Hogan of Alpharetta GA reports, "John and I visited the campus in July on our way up to New Jersey. It was the first time I'd been there since graduation, and I was impressed with all the changes! Staunton has changed as well! We're busy in Georgia. Eileen is a year-round swimmer, and Virginia plays soccer. I play tennis whenever possible!"

**NANCY RANDALL** Mackey of Alpharetta GA is excited that oldest daughter Daynes is a freshman at the University of Georgia.

**KELLEY REXROAD** of Odessa FL is happy to be celebrating three years with Cardinal Health Inc., where she is vice president of human resources. Kelly recently transferred with Cardinal Health to St. Petersburg FL.

**NANCY WILSON** Kratzert and husband John are raising children Amanda, 12, and Jocelyn, 8, in Palmyra NY. Nancy continues to enjoy being a stay-at-home mother and volunteers at school, church, and in her community. She is also a substitute teacher for nursery school through eighth grade.

## 1980

**MICHELLE BOULDIN** of Stone Mountain GA has been named principal at Community Education Partners. After studying at Georgia State University and teaching kindergarten for five years, Michelle became an associate school psychologist and, in 1995, an assistant principal at an elementary school in Atlanta. Since 1998 Michelle has held the position of coordinator for professional development and nontraditional programs in Atlanta.



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Classmates celebrating at an engagement party for **CATHERINE CUMMINGS '99** in Hampton VA June 29, 2002. (front row, l to r) **CATHERINE BLACK Ogletree**, **TEHPANIE DAWSON**, **GRETA WINN**, **SUMMER SAUNDERS Milligan**, **AUDREY CATLETT**, **AIMEE FAVREAU**, **ANNIE SAVAL**, **LAUREN DYSON**, **NICOLE NAPIER**, (middle row, l to r) **REBECCA STEVENS**, **Catherine**, **JENNIFER "JEN" EDWARDS**, **SARAH WILSON Clepper**, and (kneeling on front row) **MARY "KRISTI" BLYER**



**SARAH WILSON Clepper '99** married Brent Clepper September 14, 2002. Pictured are alumnae (front row, l to r) **KRISTI BLYER '99**, **TOTTY EDWARDS '99**, the bride, **GRETA WINN '99**, **JENNIFER EDWARDS '99**, **TEHPANIE DAWSON '99**, **CHRISTIE GARDNER Sassiano '98**, (middle row, l to r) **EMILY GOETZ '99**, **CATHRYN "RYN" BRUCE '99**, **BROOKE HITE '99**, **SUMMER SAUNDERS Milligan '99**, **CATHERINE BLACK Ogletree '99**, (back row, l to r) **AIMEE FAVREAU '99**, **REBECCA STEVENS '99**, **AUDREY CATLETT '99** and **NICOLE NAPIER '99**

**CAROLYN DEW Gruensfelder** of Fort Worth TX writes: "I resigned from my position with Charles Tate and was officially retired as of December 20, 2002. It was a huge decision that took over a year to make, but I'm very happy with the outcome so far. The true test will be when I realize I do not have to spend the day in my office anymore. If something else comes along, I might take it out for now, but I will help husband Chris run his oil-manufacturing business and be a full-time mom to Courtney, third grade, and Caroline, sixth grade."

**ANN GREGORY Colligan** of Clinton MA finished her 22nd year of teaching and is "still happily married to Russell, 13 years this July!!". Daughter Emily is 13.

**DIANA MOORE Rasmick** of Hoxwell VA married Stephen Gray Rasmick December 12, 2001. Diana reports: "In May 2002, I graduated from the Army Logistics Management College's 16-week logistics executive development course (LEDC). LEDC is the Army's senior logistics course designed to prepare military and civilian managers for key executive positions within the Army and Department of Defense logistics systems."

**LYNN TUGGLE Gilliland** was appointed to the Staunton-Augusta YMCA Board of Directors in June 2002. Lynn has served as executive director of children's activities at Mary Baldwin since February 2000, is active in the Presbyterian church, president-elect of the Staunton-Augusta Rotary Club, and is a volunteer at McSwain Elementary School. Lynn lives in Staunton with husband Bill and sons Mac, 13, and Matthew, 8.

## 1981

**PAMELA "PAM" POPE** of Washington DC is a guidance counselor at Glen Forest Elementary School in Falls Church VA. Pam works with **CONSTANCE BELLAMY Chiplock '87** who teaches kindergarten.

**VALERIE WENGER** of Austin TX reports: "I quit practicing law in 2001 and am in the nonprofit world working to enroll kids in the government-funded Children's Health Insurance Program."

**KATHLEEN WILKERSON Magnan** of Fairwood NJ has sons Christopher, 12, and William, 9. Kathleen has served as parish coordinator at Christ Church in Short Hills for seven years.

## 1982

**SUSAN ENGLISH** of Punta Gorda FL writes: "I recently read about my freshman roommate **MARGUERITE HARRISON**'s trip to her mother's hometown of Portlaoise, Bristol, in the April 2002 issue of RCI Endless vacation magazine. I'm practicing art and loving the little children in my Sunday school class."

**LUCY CARTER FULTON Smith**, husband Mike and children Fulton, 13; Will, 11, and Margaret Anne, 10, moved from Katy TX to Surrey, England in May 2002. Lucy Carter writes: "In Katy, I served as PTA president for two years and helped open a new elementary school in Cinco Ranch, west of Houston. Mike and I also helped start an AWANA's Christian education program at our church. I thoroughly enjoyed my volunteer time in the states and look forward to getting plugged in with the expat community over here. We are here for several years on assignment with British Petroleum."

**MERRITT "MARTEE" HOOKER Seuss** of Grass Valley CA writes: "I have two beautiful sons, Douglas Hooker, 3, and Dane Wilson, 1. My husband Doug and I love living with them in Grass Valley CA. I am still the northern California sales rep for Hooker Furniture."

**LAURA O'HEAR Church** and husband David of Potomac MD welcomed the birth of third son Garrett Conover Lent October 16, 2002. Garrett joins brothers Christopher Meier Lent, 7 and Franklin Charles Lent, 3. Classmate **TRACYANN "TRACY" THREE-FOOT** co-sponsored a baby shower for Laura in September.

**TERESA "TERRY" YOUNG Fort** and husband Eddie of Harpy VA enjoy eco-adventure traveling with sons Evan, 14, and Stephen, 9. She writes: "This summer we explored western Oregon and Washington and returned from a sport fishing expedition that stocked our freezer with mahi mahi!"

## 1983

**MARGARET TOURELLOTT Stringfield** of Charlotte NC writes: "I have been married to my husband Jimmy for 13 years. We have two kids, Tripod, 15, and Wesley, 13. I own my own business in Charlotte, specializing in digital photography, and computer graphics for the residential real estate industry."

## 1984

**ELIZABETH DRAKE Cope** lives in Chesapeake VA with husband Charlie and their two boys, Brent, 4, and William, 2. Elizabeth is a stay-at-home mother and has been active in dog rescue over the past six years. "We share our home with many rescued dogs, a few cats and rabbits, and of course, our turtle, Mr. Magoo. Mr. Magoo would like all of his old MFC friends to know that he is alive and well, and recently celebrated his 31st birthday!"

**SAUNDRA EARECKSON Seifert** of San Angelo TX writes: "Our 5-year-old son Logan died in an accident January 16, 2002. Lari, 6, and Leah, 4, help to keep him alive in our hearts."

**DEIDRE FLEMING Dougherty** writes: "Our family moved to Bellevue (Seattle) WA and loves it. The mountains, Puget Sound, and the city are beautiful. Plus, so much to see and do!"

**PAMELA LEIGH Anderson** of Jefferson GA writes that after nine years in California, she moved back to Georgia one year ago. Pamela has daughters Morgan, 7, and Madison, 2.

**LISA MCKENZIE Millican** is busy as a stay-at-home mom in Winston-Salem NC with girls McKenzie, 8; Evan, 6; and Reagan, 2. She writes: "I am involved as a volunteer in church, the community, and the girls' school. John and I have been married 13 years!"

**ROBIN NEWCOMB Lemmo** and husband Erick of Springfield VA are enjoying new son Peter Akhurst born December 3, 2001, and daughter Leslie, 2.

## 1985

**SARAH PARET Thomas** and husband William of Midlothian VA celebrated the birth of third child Nathan Louis July 30, 2000. Nathan joins siblings Warner and Mattie. Sarah writes: "I am in my seventh year of business at MPR Consulting, a public relations and advertising firm. We specialize in medical/public relations, but clients include the State of Virginia, Richmond Chamber of Commerce, and several on-site physician groups. We stay busy by leading a scout troop, teaching Sunday School, and coaching hockey."

## 1986

**AMY BRIDGE** of Richmond VA was appointed by Virginia Governor Mark R. Warner as director of the Executive Mansion, the official residence of Virginia governors since 1813. Amy supervised fund raising, marketing, and public relations at the Valentine Richmond History Center and served as Richmond director of the Virginia Opera.

**JULIE ELLSWORTH Cox** is vice president of philanthropy for Sheppard Pratt Health System in Baltimore MD, where she and husband William reside. Julie is responsible for all development activities, including the annual fund, major gifts donor program and a capital campaign to raise funds for a new hospital building. Before joining Sheppard Pratt, she was director of leadership gifts for the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History.

**CINDY MITCHELL DeKeyser** and husband Joe, VM '86, moved from the desert of southern California to Oviedo FL near Orlando. While in California, she received a master's in teaching and spent five years teaching kindergarten primarily. Cindy and Joe have two daughters, Ashton and Charlotte. "Ashton, who was named for a favorite MBC producer, Dr. Ashton Tuit, is a sophomore in high school and already looking at colleges! Can't possibly be that old?"



## 1987

**KERRI COSTIGAN Beckert** moved to England in celebration of the Queen's 50th birthday. This past summer, Kerri is a part time freelance writer and full-time model for Kati Altier and Emma Lane. She and husband Chris celebrated their 14th wedding anniversary and are enjoying travel to L'Amour, France, Biarritz and Italy. They hope to spend time in Sweden and Norway next summer.

**LOUISE "LOU" HALL Bloxom** and husband Robert of Parsley VA welcomed the birth of son Brantley "Brant" Edward August 14, 2002. Brant joins older sisters Blaire, 11 and Madison, 8.

**SHANNON PASHAL Bryan** of Bryan TX announces the birth of daughter Sydney Elizabeth July 11, 2001. Sydney joins son Luke, 4. Husband Joel is finishing a Ph.D. in curriculum and instruction at Texas A&M University. Shannon writes, "I have been blessed to be able to stay at home with our children and do volunteer work through our church teaching English to Texas A&M foreign students' wives." Shannon would love to hear from anyone in her class.

The University of Virginia Press has published *Race Man: The Rise and Fall of the "Fighting Editor" John Mitchell Jr.* by Ann Field Alexander '66, professor of history and director of Mary Baldwin's regional center in Roanoke, Virginia.

The book is about an African American who edited and published the *Richmond Planet* newspaper in Virginia's capital for nearly half a century. He also crusaded against lynching, protested segregation, campaigned for new schools, held public office, and founded a bank. Mitchell, born to slave parents in 1863, died in 1929. In the preface of the biography, Alexander writes that she found Mitchell "oddly contemporary" when she started learning about him while doing graduate work at Duke University in the late 1960s. She wrote her doctoral dissertation about him.

Alexander helped raise a family and pursued other interests, she writes, before re-entering academia as a member of the Mary Baldwin faculty a decade ago. "The joke in my family is that I have worked on this project for as long as John Mitchell edited the *Planet*."

## 1988

**MALLORY COPELAND Kahler** and husband Keith of Portersville VA celebrated their fourth thousand child Mary Pembroke March 19, 2002. Mary was welcomed home by big brother Hunter, 3.

**CHRISTINE DENFELD Berry** of South Riding VA writes, "I have three girls Rachel, 9, Megan, 6, and Katie, 5. I am very busy with soccer, swim team, piano, dance and school activities."

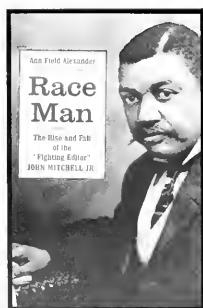
**ELIZABETH PEABODY Staats** and husband Andrew, of Richmond VA are happy to announce the birth of "lovely daughter" Olivia Hayes October 4, 2002. Elizabeth is regional sales director for Total eMed.

**RACHEL STOUCH Crow** of Schertz TX writes for Texas Wings, a charity providing breast cancer treatment for uninsured and underinsured women.

## 1989

**RITA ALVIS Ernst** of San Francisco CA is happy to announce a new addition to her family. "Natalie Rene Ernst was born July 13, 2002. She is our first child. Proud daddy, Dave, is doing well and so am I. I'm still working for Gap Inc. and was just promoted to senior director of human resources."

**KATHERINE GALLINO Aleshevich** of Fishersville VA celebrated the first birthday of daughter Abigail Grant November 23, 2002.



**ANNE HESS Mamon** of Fredericksburg VA celebrated the birth of second daughter Lily Jane March 18, 2002. Lily joins big sister Grace, 3.

## 1990

**MELISSA WOODS** of Charlotte NC is owner of Menu by Melissa, a company that provides customers with menu planning, grocery shopping, and in-home chef service. Melissa was a finalist for the NAWBO (National Association of Women Business Owners) Rising Star Award in 2001 and won the 2002 NAWBO Membership Award.

## 1991

**COLLIER ANDRESS Smith** and husband Fant of Murfreesboro TN announce the birth of son Weston "Fant" May 2, 2002. Collier writes, "He is adored by his sister Sally, who is 17 months his senior."

**ROBIN RAY Coll** and husband Patrick of Valley Lee MD announce the birth of first child Rory Mason September 2, 2002. Robin writes, "My husband, Patrick, is over the moon!"

**TINA SANTORO Ward** writes, "I ultimately graduated from George Mason University with a bachelor of individualized studies degree in legal studies and criminal behavior. I also have a degree in paralegal studies and am a senior paralegal in the office of general counsel for Washington Gas Light Company. My husband Michael and I have been married for six years and live in Alexandria VA. I miss my friends from Mary Baldwin, and I would love to hear from my fellow classmates to rekindle those friendships."

**KATHERINE SMITH** of Durham NC took voluntary leave of absence from her career in consumer marketing management at Delta Air Lines to pursue an MBA at Fuqua School of Business at Duke University. Katherine plans to graduate in 2004 and return to marketing.

**LANE TYREE Mueller** and husband Chris are enjoying a new home "in a beautiful waterfront neighborhood" in Virginia Beach VA. Lane continues to work for Ortho-McNeil in the Tidewater area, while Chris's podiatry practice keeps him busy. "However, with the death of MILDRED "MILLI" RAYNOR '93, there is a large emptiness." Lane now volunteers for the Susan G. Komen Foundation in honor of Milli, and encourages everyone to fight breast cancer. "Even if all you do is purchase the breast cancer stamps, it helps Milli's light is far too bright to ever be completely extinguished, but she will be forever missed."

## 1992

**SHARON BEE Cheng** married Dean Cheng in Fairfax VA April 6, 2002. Mary Baldwin friends in attendance included JENNIFER SEAY '94, DAMARIS CHRISTENSEN '90, DIANA BALLARD '91, CATHERINE EVANS '93, LISA LORENZIN '93, ALISON SMITH Mocko '93 and classmate SARAH CLATTERBUCK.

Both Sharon and Dean are "policy geeks" for the federal government and live in Vienna VA.

**KIMBERLY BRINKLEY Thompson** and husband Glenn of Smithfield VA announce the birth of daughter Emma Graves May 6, 2002. Emma joins older sister Olivia.

**DEBRA FEIGIN Sukin** of Houston TX has a son Jacob, 1.

**BARBARA "BABS" HOERLE Zuhowski** of Virginia Beach VA writes, "I'm a full-time 'home engineer' and our daughter Megan, 5, keeps me active!" Husband John is commanding the USS Shamal. "My duties as captain's wife are endless but rewarding!" Babs keeps busy as an elder at Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church of Princess Anne.

**STEPHANIE LEFTWICH Needham** and husband Kenneth moved from San Diego CA to Willow Grove PA. "I'm looking forward to having seasons again, but I have a feeling I'll miss San Diego in the summer." Stephanie teaches English at Ursinus College and Pennsylvania State University in Abington.

**ANN PENTLETON Kincer** of Douglasville GA writes, "I am currently working for Sylvan Learning Center as well as tutoring privately. Mark and I recently bought a new house. We and our two dogs are enjoying the Atlanta area."

**GABRIELA PEREZ-PANGBORN Foster** writes, "I am so sorry that I had to miss the reunion! In November 2001, Paul and I finally made it back to San Diego after a 15-year absence. It is nice to be home and to be able to raise Sean (now 4!) in Southern California. Paul is back in school earning an IT degree. I am the director of a home care agency. Sean began kindergarten in September!"

**ALISON SHIPREK Kemper** and Hamilton Kemper, Randolph-Macon College '88, wed April 6, 2002, at Cathedral of the Assumption in Louisville KY, and honeymooned in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. Mary Baldwin classmates in attendance were matron of honor JULIE ADAMS Ranson, bridesmaid SARA ROBERTS Metersky and guests ALICE WASHINGTON and JULIE BIRMINGHAM. The couple live in Louisville, where Alison works as assistant manager at Talbot's and Hamilton is general manager at Anixter.

**JULIA SHUGART Crist** and husband Jeff of Lyndhurst VA adopted son Joseph Patton from Seoul, Korea, November 28, 2001. "He was 5 months old when we got him and he is a joy." The family celebrated Joseph's first birthday June 20, 2002.

**DEBRA "DEBBY" WASS Brauch** and husband Tim of Hunter PA celebrated the birth of daughter Sara Elizabeth August 2, 2002. Sara was welcomed home by big brother Ryan, 5.

## 1993

**REBEKAH CONN Foster** is the tennis and fitness club manager for The Greenbrier in White Sulphur Springs WV. Rebekah, husband John, and daughter Georgia Anne, 1, live in Lewisburg WV.

**ANNE HANSON** of Newport Beach CA met **ANGELA EDWARDS '92** at the Los Angeles Hyatt for the Hollywood Underground Film Festival in May 2002. "A funny music documentary called 'Manchild Unmasked' edited by Angela was being shown."

**LEIGH ANNE KLOTZBERGER** Ring of Richmond VA writes: "My husband Jim is still working full-time for the Virginia Army National Guard. Our daughter Caroline, 3, is loving preschool. Looking forward to hearing about plans for my 10-year reunion in May!"

**EMILY OEHLER** married John Murdoch, WSL '89, September 28, 2002, in First Presbyterian Church in Hampton VA.

**CHRISTY ANDREWS Walls '93** was matron of honor and **JOLYN CRIM Nichols '94** and **AMY BURROUGHS Ikard '93** were bridesmaids. **MBC "little sister" BEVERLY WILSON Perrow '94** attended. Emily started a new job as communications manager for the Society of Interventional Radiology after returning from her honeymoon in Greece. Emily and John reside in Alexandria VA.

**LAURA "BETH" PALK Hooper** and husband John moved from McKinney TX to Franklin TN in September. John works in the music industry in Nashville while Beth cares for daughters Callaway and Abbey. She is looking forward to her 10th class reunion in May.

**SHARON SCOTT** of Mechanicsville VA became engaged on Valentine's Day 2002 to Ozan Gurun. The couple plans to wed in 2004.

## 1994

**BETTY "KATHERINE" BIERNOT** of Radford VA was invited to exhibit her artwork in the Biennale Internazionale Dell'Arte Contemporanea in Florence, Italy, December 6-14, 2003. Artists participating in the prestigious, high-profile event are selected on the merit of their works, with no preferences as to style, theme, or artistic movement.

**MELANIE BRASHEAR Salisbury** of Louisville KY reports, "I am working for Extendicare Health Services as the recruitment manager for Kentucky and Indiana."

**MICHELE CARGAIN O'Connell** writes, "Ryan and I are enjoying spending time with our son, Evan, born May 30, 2002. We take hikes and trips with him. He's the light of our lives!"

**KATHRYN "KATE" DEJARNETTE** Clary of Palmyra PA reports, "We were in Richmond last spring to baptize our second son Turner Ashby Clary, born December 27, 2001. Turner's godmother is classmate **CAROLYN CHISMER Cloninger**. She and her daughter Hayes are great. We really enjoyed spending time with them."

## All-MBC Wedding Believed a First

In what is thought to be the first marriage of Mary Baldwin graduates, Catarina Monge has wed Mark Craft. Both earned degrees in 2000.

"We met through a mutual acquaintance during fall semester 1997," said Monge.

The ceremony last summer was in a little village in Portugal, Monge's native country. They were joined by family and friends, including Baldwin graduates Erin Camden '00, Amy Mitchell Howard '00, Kim Reilly '99 and Stephanie Folmar '00. Craft's mother is director of development research and records at Mary Baldwin.

Monge, who majored in psychology, and Craft, who studied business administration and computer science through the Adult Degree Program, live in Reston in northern Virginia. Craft works as a network administrator at a The Dewberry Companies, one of the country's largest engineering and architecture firms, based in Fairfax. Monge recently earned a master's degree in counseling from George Washington University and is pursuing a doctorate in clinical psychology through Argosy University.



**JENNIFER EAVEY Oprison** relocated to Vermont for one year while husband Christopher clerks for a judge at the U.S. Second Circuit Court of Appeals in Burlington. "I'm a stay-home-mom with twin boys, Charlie and J.P., 3, and Emma Grace, 9 months. We are adjusting from the Dallas heat to the Vermont cold."

**LORI ESCH Ritchie** of Front Royal VA has "two beautiful daughters," Mary Helen, 5, and Sarah, 2. Husband Michael is sergeant for the Winchester Police Department and is serving as SSGT in the US Marine Corps for Operation Enduring Freedom. Lori writes, "I would love to hear from classmates and find out how they are."

**ALLISON HURLEY Predecki** and husband Dan moved from Decatur GA to Shippensburg PA, where Allison is an assistant professor of chemistry at Shippensburg University.

**ALLISON LYNN** of Norfolk VA reports, "I graduated in May 2002 from Eastern Virginia Medical School in Norfolk with a master of physician assistant degree. I am now working as a physician's assistant for NowCare Physicians, studying for state boards, and enjoying time with family and friends."

**JENNIFER POLLITT Hill** of Washington DC is executive director of the Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault Inc. in Arnold MD.

**GERRI WHITTAKER Timmons** and husband John moved from Morris Plains NJ to Owensboro KY in July. Gerri is a stay-at-home mother to Kendall, 6, and Alexis, 4. She was delighted to have her "senior roommate" **TOMAKO ASANO**, exchange student from Kyoto, visit with her family this past spring.

## 1995

**CARLA CUSTIS Russell** and John Kenneth "Ken" Russell II of Midlothian VA were married September 7, 2002, beachside at Sunset Beach Resort on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. The couple enjoyed a honeymoon in West Palm Beach FL. Carla is an organizational performance consultant at Trigon Blue Cross Blue Shield, and Ken is a medical supply sales representative for DeRoyal Inc.

**LISA DOERING** of Orlando FL earned a master's degree in human resource management from Rollins College in Winter Park FL in May 2002. She specialized in organizational development as well as recruitment, retention, and selection. Lisa is a senior research specialist and technical recruiter for Science Applications

International Corp., the nation's largest employee-owned research and engineering firm. She is a member of the Society for Human Resource Management and the Central Florida Human Resources Association.

**ANNE SCOTT Carter** writes, "My husband David and I recently moved to Troy OH for him to pursue a law degree at the University of Dayton. I finished my master's in education in early childhood special education at Virginia Commonwealth this past May, and will be teaching a mainstreamed (half with disabilities and half without) preschool class in Troy this school year. I am very excited, and we love the Troy area!"



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## Denise Hayes '99 Named Top Volunteer

DENISE HAYES '99 has been honored by the Virginia Commission on Volunteerism and Governor Mark R. Warner as the commonwealth's outstanding volunteer for 2002.

Hayes was recognized for her hundreds of hours of service, much of it at Douthat State Park in western Virginia and for the state Department of Conservation and Recreation. Notable events and environmental education are specialties of the biology major, who credits family and faculty for encouraging her to contribute her time and knowledge.

Hayes is central activities director at The Homestead, the historic hotel and resort in Hot Springs, Virginia. She said Eric Jones, associate professor of biology, and other instructors at Mary Baldwin stressed the importance of giving "my time for the things I believe in. I feel that it is important to take care of our natural resources and preserve them for future generations."

Hayes and a dozen other notable volunteers from around Virginia were feted at the annual Governor's Community Service and Volunteerism Awards reception in November. Douthat State Park had a reception for her in December.

**HALLIE TRIMMER** Gibbs of Birmingham, AL, is happy to report, "On September 18, 2002, my husband Al and I had our third child. His name is Strother Wade Gibbs. Strother was welcomed home by sisters Alden, 4, and Rae Evelyn, 2."

**LEE CARREN WARD** Mather and husband Jim moved from Charlottesville VA to Houston TX in July 2000. The couple celebrated the birth of first child Ezra-el "Zeke" Chambers March 21, 2002. Lee Carren writes, "I would love to hear from the girls."

**JENNIFER WILKINSON** Taylor married John D. Taylor June 23, 2002, at Stonehenge Country Club in Richmond VA. After a honeymoon in Hawaii, the couple returned home to Powhatan VA.

**HYE-JIN YOON** of Cherry Hill NJ writes, "Hello everyone! Someday I hope to meet the entire class of '95 and faculty members. I am working for Samsung Technology as an international sales coordinator."

**JULIE YOUNG** Bayly of Williamsburg VA announces, "On August 17, 2002, I married Duane Allen Bayly. Also in August, I changed jobs and am the administrator for Riverside Convalescent Center-Saluda. **KATHRYN SHIPLETT** Smith '96 took my old job as assistant administrator for Patriots Colony at Williamsburg."

## 1996

**TAMARA AVIS** Smith and husband Jason, VMI '96, of Wilmington NC are doing well and would love to hear from fellow MBC alumni in the area. Both are attorneys — Tamara focusing on domestic and family law and Jason on estate and

corporate tax planning. Tamara reports on classmates **JENNIFER KELSAY**, **AMY LYNN**, and **TARA ANDERSON Thompson**. "Jennifer and Amy are both doing great, with Amy in her final stages of graduate studies in Atlanta. Tara and her beautiful family broke ground on a new house in Maryland."

**RANDALL "RANDY" HORNE** Cullen and husband Matthew Hurd Cullen of New York City were married in Richmond VA November 16, 2002.

**YUKA KAJI** Claboine of Commerce Township MI works as a Japanese teacher with companies such as Nissan, Chrysler, and Ford. "I really enjoy teaching people," she writes.

**ALLISON KELLY** of Spartanburg SC received a master of arts in Christian education from Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education May 26, 2002. Allison is director of Christian education at Tyger River Presbyterian Church in Moore SC.

**KIMBERLY LOCKHART** of Staunton VA writes, "I am the administrator of Outlook Pointe, a 57-suite assisted-living community in Harrisonburg VA."

**JULIA "JULIE" RENN** Maurer of Rockaway NJ married Adam Matthew Maurer May 18, 2002, at the General Theological Seminary in New York City. Julie is special events coordinator for St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center Foundation in Paterson NJ. Adam, VMI '95, is a principal network engineer for the advanced information systems unit of defense contractor General Dynamics in Whippany NJ.

**JOANNA VICKERY** Herath of Raleigh NC practices as administrator for Blue Ridge Family Physicians PLLC, where she assists with divestiture from hospital owned to private practice.

## 1997

**WENDY BARNES** McEntee of Germantown TN graduated from the University of Memphis in 2000 with an MBA in marketing and finance. She writes, "Since then, I've been working in group benefits for a brokerage firm in Memphis. My husband, Colin Owen McEntee, and I were married March 10, 2001, and couldn't be happier!"

**VIRGINIA "GINGER" BERRY** James writes, "My husband Clayton and I moved to Gloucester VA for him to join A.G. Edwards & Sons as a financial consultant. We moved in July after I gave birth to my son Drake in late April. Still staying at home with Kathryn, 4, and Drake."

**MARY BROWN BROUGHTON** Leachman married Thomas Keith Leachman July 20, 2002. Fellow "squirrels" in the wedding party were **MARGARET BROUGHTON '99**, **KATHRYN "KATE" WOODSON** Dumont '97, **MARY CATHERINE MANN '97**, **ANNA LORING WITT '96**, and **LAURA "ALEXANDER" HAMILTON** Laurent '96. The couple live in Ashland VA and love being honeymooners!

**DARIA "KATY" CARON** of Catlett VA was hired as tapes selector at Warner at CNN's Washington DC bureau.

**ALISA KAYURAPUN** Christman of Charleston SC is completing a specialty residency in primary care pharmacy practice at the Medical University of South Carolina.

**MARY "BETH" SILVERMAN** of Gainesville FL reports, "I spent the summer doing ecosystem ecology work in Farbank's AK and on the North Slope. I am pursuing my Ph.D. in ecosystem ecology through the botany department at the University of Florida. I enjoyed visiting with classmates and being back on campus for our fifth reunion last May!"

**JENNIFER "JENNA" SMITH** of Harrisonburg VA is working in the development office at Massanetta Springs, a Presbyterian camp and conference center. "I'm using all my 'Campus Comments' experience to edit and design Massanetta's quarterly newsletter and doing lots of volunteer work with my church, First Presbyterian, and with the Harrisonburg Junior Woman's Club. Life is busy but rich!" Jenna says. Reunion '02 was fabulous and hopes to see even better attendance for her tenth. She spent Memorial Day with **ANNE WAGNER '98** and looks forward to reconnecting with more MBC friends.

**NATASHA TERRY** Cerritos completed the first phase of the Rhema Bible Program in her hometown of Tulsa OK.

**JENNIFER WALKER** of Richmond VA is a marketing coordinator with Performance Food Group.

**MINDY WYTENBACH** Lindsey of Charles City VA wed A. Lee Lindsey, a 1997 graduate of Duke University, August 3, 2002, in Chester VA. Bridesmaids included classmates: **SUZANNA FIELDS**, **JENNIFER WALKER**, **LEIGH ANN MANNING** Atkins, and **KATHRYN DAY**. MBC guests in attendance were **ANNE KENNAN '95** and 1997 classmates **FRANCESCA RUSK**, **REBECCA JACKSON** Tucker, and **KARI BAGDASARIAN**.

## 1998

**EMILY BARRA** graduated in May 2002 with a master of arts in computational and applied mathematics from Rice University. Emily works at the University of Houston as a statistics analyst and teaches a finite math class. She enjoys singing with the Houston Symphony Chorus.

**JAMIE CAMP** of Baltimore MD announces, "I will be completing my master of science in communications management in May 2003 from Towson University."


## Mary Poulin '02 Awarded Grant To Present Research

Mary Poulin '02, a psychology major in Mary Baldwin's Adult Degree Program, won a National Science Foundation travel grant to present her senior project results at the Society for Behavioral Neuroendocrinology meeting last June.

Working with Rachael O'Connell '02 and Louise Freeman, assistant professor of psychology, Poulin researched potential connections between testosterone levels — as indicated in relative finger lengths or "digit ratios" — and the ability to remember photographs. Male and female college students, including those at Mary Baldwin, took part in the experiment.

Poulin hopes to earn a Ph.D. in psychology and to work with leading scientists conducting research similar to hers.





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**JESSICA CHARLES Copenhaver** of Leesburg VA is a foreign policy analyst for Scientific Applications International Corporation in McLean VA. Her work involves writing books for the Army about developing democracies in Europe and Africa.

**VICTORIA FREELAND Rayburn** writes, "We moved to Germany! My husband Steven is teaching for the Department of Defense Dependents' Schools. I'm still happily staying at home with our daughter Madeline, 2, and working on computer graphics and photo editing in my spare time. We live in a tiny town called Korbon in southwest Germany."

**ERIN GRUMBACH** of Laurel MD writes, "I recently opened my new office, Kee Concepts, in Laurel MD. Busy, busy, busy! Even better, recently got engaged to Lenny Loving, and we are anticipating a May wedding. I would love to hear from any MBC grads I've lost touch with."

**LATESHA HOOKER Adkins** and husband Nicholas of Richmond VA announce the birth of daughter Britney Nichole September 30, 2002. She was welcomed by big brother Branden James, 2. Latesha works as a juvenile probation officer in Henrico County and is pursuing a master's in social work at Virginia Commonwealth University.

**HAVEN LECLER** of New Orleans LA was promoted to assistant vice president with Whitney National Bank in New Orleans.

**MAYGAN LIPSCOMB Elliott** and husband Dwayne of Goochland VA welcomed the birth of Ryan Winston, a "healthy, bouncing baby boy," May 13, 2002. "He is growing very fast and doing fine." Maygan was promoted to strategic compliance coordinator for Wyeth Consumer Healthcare in Richmond VA.

**CHARISSA STOUFFER** lives in Leesburg VA where she works in marketing for an assisted-living facility.

**CAROLYN "CARRIE" TIMMONS McCandlish** married Scott McCandlish May 4, 2002, in Charlottesville VA. The couple resides in Blacksburg VA, where Carrie works in the personnel department for Virginia Tech.

**ANNE WAGNER** of Front Royal VA was promoted in May 2002 from assistant editor to deputy managing editor of NationalJournal.com in Washington DC.

**TENEWA WATSON** of Rochester NY received a master's of science in toxicology from the University of Rochester.

**TRACEY WEST Stanton** and Chris Stanton were married April 6, 2002, in Lynchburg VA. MBC friends in attendance were '98 classmates **AMY BAILEY, MAYGAN LIPSCOMB Elliott, KRISTEN BENTZEN, ERIN CHANDLER Thompson, NANCY BOLLINGER, CAROLYN "CARRIE" TIMMONS McCandlish, ANGELA "ANGIE"**

**AMOS Rowe, SUSAN BOLLINGER, KATHERINE "KATE" LANGLOIS Faraci, ANNIE ANDREWS Minix, and DIANE "SHELLEY" KELSAY.** Tracey and Chris live in Richmond VA.

## 1999

**JENNIFER ATKINS Lanz** of Virginia Beach VA works at Granby High School in Norfolk.

**ARIELLE COHEN** completed a year in Americorps/VISTA in July 2002, and was admitted to New York University School of Law with a dean's fellowship to cover two-thirds tuition. Arielle's mother Naomi Cohen writes: "In addition, Arielle was accepted at the Goldman School of Public Policy at the University of California, Berkeley, to pursue a master's in public policy while jointly obtaining a law degree. She began her studies in August 2002." Arielle stays in touch with classmate **KELLY MANN** and **MARISA DEBOWSKY '00**. Arielle and Kelly met for a week of travel in Israel in April 2002.

**TORSKI DOBSON Arnold** of Mechanicsville VA writes, "I was married August 11, 2001, to a wonderful man by the name of Ronald Arnold Sr. From this union, I have acquired two beautiful stepchildren, Ronald Jr., 11, and Roneisha Kapri, 9." Torski is working on a master's of science in human resources at Troy State University in Troy AL.

**TOTTY EDWARDS** is an interior designer and project manager for Gwaltney Fleming Inc. in Richmond VA, where she resides. Totty passed the interior design certification

exam in April 2002 and is working on earning her title as a certified interior designer.

**PAULA EVANS Pilgrim** married Manne Captain Wes Pilgrim June 28, 2002, in Iwakuni Japan. Paula is a second-grade teacher with the Department of Defense, and Wes is a fighter pilot.

**TIFFANY MARTIN** of Indianapolis IN is a research assistant at Indiana University, working on her master's in applied sociology. She presented a paper at the American Sociological Association's annual meeting in August 2002.

**MELISSA MCMANAMA** moved from Winston-Salem NC to Johnson City TN to be director of wellness at East Tennessee State University. Melissa is responsible for designing and implementing a wellness program for the faculty, staff, and students as well as the surrounding community. She plans to continue to work on her Ph.D.

**PAMELA "PAM" OWENS Rohrer** and husband Aaron of Newman GA celebrated the birth of son Gabriel Daylor September 15, 2002. Gabriel was welcomed home by big brothers Isaac and Noah, "who are very proud of their baby brother." Pam writes, "Mom is hanging in there. Three boys. Need I say more?"

**ANGELA READE Eustler** and husband Randy Eustler were married July 6, 2002, at First Presbyterian Church in Waynesboro VA, and took a Caribbean cruise. Angela is employed by Waynesboro city schools as a fifth-grade teacher and Randy is a shift supervisor at Nova Plastics Recycling LLC.

**JENNIFER VERGNE** of Alexandria VA passed the Virginia Bar exam and was sworn in November 28, 2002. After graduating from Mary Baldwin, as part of the Virginia Women's Institute for Leadership, Jennifer went to Catholic University law school.

**SARAH WILSON Clepper** married Brent Clepper September 14, 2002. The couple is living in Richmond VA, where Sarah works for Wachovia Securities as a marketing manager. Attending the wedding were MBC classmates **KRISTI BLYER, TOTTY EDWARDS, GRETA WINN, JENNIFER EDWARDS, TEPHANIE DAWSON, EMILY GOETZ, CATHRYN "RYN" BRUCE, BROOKE HITE, SUMMER SAUNDERS Miligan, CATHERINE BLACK Ogeltree, AMIEE FAVREAU, REBECCA STEVENS, AUDREY CATLETT, NICOLE NAPIER, and CHRISTIE GARDNER Basciano '98**

## 2000

**MARISA DEBOWSKY** of South Burlington VT received her master's from the University of Vermont and began a Ph.D. program in mathematics at UVM last fall.

**ASHLEY GORDON Bradley** and Gary Ellis Bradley, both of Waynesboro VA, were married July 4, 2002, at Fishersville United Methodist Church. Ashley is self-employed as an authorized dealer of promotional products for Kaeser and Blair Inc., and Gary is an independent contractor for Fed-Ex Ground as well as a National Guard reservist whose unit was called for active duty in July. The couple plans to have a formal renewal of vows when Gary returns from active duty.

**MARY HUSTON** of Albemarle County is a marketing manager for the Southwest Symphony Orchestra.

**BRENNIA KELLY** of Norfolk/Virginia classmate **JAMIE CROSS** are on the USS **BARRY** (DDG-52). Brennia writes, "We are in the George Washington Battle Group. BARRY will be meeting up with the rest of the George Washington Battle Group in the Persian Gulf. I am the communications and public affairs officer and recently earned the privilege to wear the surface warfare officer's pin, a big deal for an ensign."

**CRYSTAL MARSHALL Scheulen** married Stephen Andreas Scheulen September 23, 2001, and is a French teacher at Sherando High School in Stephens City VA.

**TAMARA SCARAMOZZI** recently completed two months of training exercises and humanitarian missions in the east African nation of Djibouti while assigned to the guided missile cruiser USS Hue City, which is based in Mayport FL. Sailors from Tamara's unit participated in Exercise Djibouti MEUEX 02, which included aviation, amphibious assault, and live-fire and maneuver training. Volunteers from the unit conducted engineering, medical and dental projects, and delivered school supplies donated by U.S. citizens.

**ERIN TABSCOTT Staebell** of Staunton VA is marketing director for ShenArts in Staunton.

## 2001

**JOY HULL** moved to Fort Worth TX from Washington DC, where she worked "on The Hill" for the American Association of Political Consultants. Joy is now employed by The Tyson Organization as a phone program consultant for political campaigns across the country. She consults with clients in Florida, Oklahoma, Alabama, and Louisiana.

**TRACY JONES** of Richmond VA is a fifth-grade teacher for Henrico County Schools.

**ELIZABETH MCELHINNY** writes, "I am now at UNC Chapel Hill working on my master of social work in clinical social work with children and families."

**ELIZABETH "BETH" PLEWES McKee** and 1st Lt. Matthew J. McKee, VMI '00, were married July 6, 2002. The two reside in Evans Mills NY. Elizabeth is a student at Syracuse University College of Law.

**ELIZABETH SCHROEDER Craig** married Frederick Nash Harrison Craig July 13, 2002, in Richmond VA, where they live. **ELIZABETH ADAMSON Orgain '00** served as a bridesmaid. Frederick is a graduate of Flagler College and is co-owner of Hedley's Market.

**AMANDA SMITH** of Lexington VA reports, "I am employed in an elementary school here in Lexington as an aide for special education while looking for a full-time teaching career."

## 2002

**KRISTIN BRYANT Gould** of Lexington VA and Les Gould, VMI '99, were married June 8, 2002, at VMI. Mary Baldwin friends in attendance included classmate and bridesmaid **SARAH LAYNE**, maid of honor **KELLY BRYANT '01**, classmates **JACLYN KITONIS**, **ALEANDRA PRICE**, **DIONNA MCINTYRE**, **YOGI ALMENDRAS**, **AMANDA SMITH '01**, **BETH FULTON '03**, **LAURIE DOUGLAS '03**, and **CARLISLE CONNELLY '04**.

**JULIE HAISLP** of Palmyra VA reports, "I just got a job in an elementary school in my hometown teaching kindergarten. It's the exact school that I've always wanted to work in, doing exactly what I've always wanted to do. I was working on my student teaching when I was able to go right into the same classroom, as my supervising teacher took another position in the school. It was a great shock and surprise when it all came together! I've somehow accomplished my dream. I've also been able to move into my own house with my puppy."

**WINDSOR HALL** of Spotsylvania VA writes, "I am working with Stafford County schools teaching third grade. It has been the best experience. I hope everyone is doing well!"

**COURTNEY LEARD** of Joppa MD writes, "Hey, all! I am working for DC public schools teaching first grade and loving it! I'm doing just what I wanted, teaching just the students I wanted. It is such a challenge but the most rewarding thing ever! All my MBC sisters are in my thoughts and heart daily. I wish you all well!"

**JENELLE LIVESAY Mick** and Kevin Mick of Colorado Springs CO were married September 21, 2002, in Nags Head NC. Attending the wedding were classmates

**JENNIFER WEST ANNA HENLEY**, **AMELIA NUSBAUM COURTNEY BLASIU**, and **LAURA LEMBKE**. Also attending were **RIAN MCMULLEN '01** and **MBC students HOLLY CURRY '03**, **HEATHER SMITH '03**, and **MARISOL EUCEDA '04**.

**MOLLY MAHONEY** of Goodland VA is a first-year nursing student at Bon Secours Memorial School of Nursing. "I will graduate in 2005 and will be a registered nurse."

**KELLY MIZER Cash** and Benjamin Walker Cash were married June 22, 2002, at Fishersville Baptist Church in Fishersville VA. Classmates in attendance included maid of honor **MELISSA WRIGHT** and bridesmaid **SARA TRUSLOW**. Kelly is employed by Augusta Medical Center, and Benjamin works for Shenandoah Valley Electric. The couple resides in Fishersville VA.

**EMILY SHADD** of Norfolk VA is working as a legal assistant for the Law Office of Gary C. Byler in Virginia Beach VA.

**AMY WARREN Gabor** married Nathan Edward Gabor August 10, 2002, at Virginia Military Institute. The reception was at VMI's Moody Hall. After a honeymoon in the eastern Caribbean, the couple made their home in Staunton VA. Amy is employed by the Staunton Circuit Court Clerk's office.

## ADP 1983

**ANITA FILSON** of Raphine VA was the keynote speaker for Mary Baldwin's Class of 2002 Commencement. Anita, who is a juvenile and domestic relations court judge for the 25th district, urged graduating students to "use your gifts to enrich the world in some unique way." This requires a conscious commitment, she advised. "Drifting through life with a general intent to do good is not enough."

## 1989

**JANE TERRELL Neer** of Richmond VA writes, "I do volunteer work at the Shepherd Center twice a month. My husband Ernest and I are retired and enjoying traveling."

## 1990

**DEBRA WENGER** of Staunton VA writes, "I have a beautiful first-grader, Rebecca Glynn, and a handsome little man, Derek Austin, 1."

## 1991

**JOHN WESTPHALEN** of Bassett VA spent 11 years in the classroom and recently moved into an administrative position as assistant principal for instruction at Patrick County High School in Stuart VA.

## 1992

**LENI SORESENSEN** of Crozet VA was appointed by Virginia Tech intern director of Reynolds Homestead the historic home of R.J. Reynolds and Continuing Education Center in Patrick County VA in February 2002. Leni also serves as alumni board director for the Ph.D. program in American studies at The College of William and Mary.

## 1998

**KATHLEEN "KATHY" ANDES** of Grottoes VA moved into a new position with Merck, reporting to the vice president of science and technology. "I'll learn about Merck global operations and the entire budget process."

## 1998

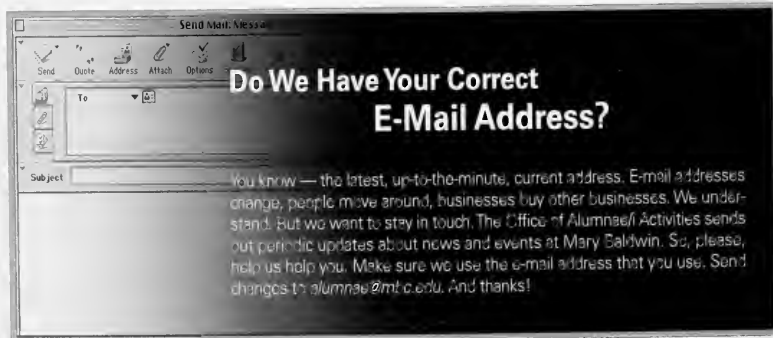
**WILLIAM "BILL" GOODSON** moved from Colorado Springs CO to Winston-Salem NC after receiving a promotion to hospital sales with Pharmacia.

## 1999

**BRIGITTE POWELL** of Richmond VA is health-care administrator at Lake Prince Retirement Community in Suffolk VA. The 92-unit continuing-care facility offers independent and assisted living, dementia care, and nursing. Brigitte has two sons, a daughter, and four grandchildren.

## MAT 2002

**BRENDA PAYNE Rose** of Staunton VA performed in the drama *The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds* by Paul Zindel at Oak Grove Theater in Verona VA. According to a review in Staunton's News Leader, Brenda touchingly played the role of Nanny, a wordless old woman. *Marigolds*, which ran in August 2002, was stage-managed by Mary Baldwin student **FRANCES TUFTS '04**.



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## MARRIAGES

**BETTY GASTON '48** to Frank C. Patton Jr., April 12, 2001  
**VIRGINIA "PATTI" MANN '52** to John Williamson Zeigler Jr., May 4, 2002  
**ANNE HALL '71** to Bruce E. Billings, August 3, 2002  
**DIANA MOORE '80** to Stephen Grey Rasnick, December 12, 2001  
**SHARON BEE '92** to Dean Cheng, April 6, 2002  
**ALISON SHIPREK '92** to Hamilton Kemper, April 6, 2002  
**EMILY OEHLEH '93** to John Murdoch, September 28, 2002  
**CARLA CUSTIS '95** to John Kenneth "Ken" Russell II, September 7, 2002  
**JENNIFER WILKINSON '95** to John D. Taylor, June 23, 2002  
**JULIE YOUNG '95** to Duane Allen Bayly, August 17, 2002  
**RANDALL "RANDY" HORNE '96** to Matthew Hurd Cullen, November 16, 2002  
**JULIA "JULIE" RENN '96** to Adam Matthew Maurer, May 18, 2002  
**WENDY BARNES '97** to Colin Owen McEntee, March 10, 2001  
**MARY BROWN BROUGHTON '97** to Thomas Keith Leachman, July 20, 2002  
**MINDY WYTENBACH '97** to A. Lee Lindsey, August 3, 2002  
**CAROLYN "CARRIE" TIMMONS '98** to Scott McCandish, May 4, 2002  
**TRACEY WEST '98** to Chris Stanton, April 6, 2002  
**CATHERINE BLACK '99** to Brett Ogletree, October 5, 2002  
**PAULA EVANS '99** to Wes Pilgrim, June 28, 2002  
**ANGELA READE '99** to Randy Eustler, July 6, 2002  
**SARAH WILSON '99** to Brent Clepper, September 14, 2002  
**ASHLEY GORDON '00** to Gary Ellis Bradley, July 4, 2002  
**CATARINA MONGE '00** to **MARK WILLIAM-TALBERT CRAFT '00 ADP**, July 27, 2002  
**CRYSTAL MARSHALL '00** to Stephen Andreas Scheulen, September 23, 2002  
**ELIZABETH "BETH" PLEWES '01** to Matthew J. McKee, July 6, 2002  
**ELIZABETH SCHROEDER '01** to Frederick Nash Harrison Craig, July 13, 2002  
**KRISTIN BRYANT '02** to Les Gould, June 8, 2002  
**JENELLE LIVESAY '02** to Kevin Mick, September 21, 2002  
**KELLY MIZER '02** to Benjamin Walker Cash, June 22, 2002  
**AMY WARREN '02** to Nathan Edward Gabor, August 10, 2002

## BIRTHS

**LAURA O'HEAR Church '82** and David: a son, Gerrit Conover Lent, October 16, 2002  
**TAMARA DINGBAUM Rib '86** and David: a daughter, Alison Marie, September 13, 2002  
**MICHELE SCHALOW Clements '86** and Bernard: a daughter, Caroline Stone, December 11, 2001

**LOUISE HALL Bloxom '87** and Robert: a son, Brantley "Brant" Edward, August 14, 2002

**SHANNON PASHAL Bryan '87** and Joel: a daughter, Sydney Elizabeth, July 11, 2001

**MALLORY COPELAND Kahler '88** and Rich: a daughter, Mary Pembroke, March 29, 2002

**ELIZABETH PEABODY Staas '88** and Andrew: a daughter, Olivia Hayes, October 4, 2002

**ANNE HESS Mamon '89** and Christian: a daughter, Lilly Jane, March 18, 2002

**COLLIER ANDRESS Smith '91** and Fant: a son, Weston "Fant", May 2, 2002

**MARY HART GASSMAN Spivey '91** and Tom: a son, Thomas Nelson Carpenter, December 6, 2001

**ROBIN RAY Coll '91** and Patrick: a son, Rory Mason, September 2, 2002

**KIMBERLY BRINKLEY Thompson '92** and Glenn: a daughter, Emma Graves, May 6, 2002

**KIMBERLY FOGEL Hudnall '92** and Chad: a daughter, Grace Elizabeth, July 30, 2002

**JULIA SHUGART Crist '92** and Jeff: a son, Joseph Patton, adopted November 28, 2001; born in Seoul, Korea June 20, 2001

**DEBRA WASS Brauch '92** and Tim: a daughter, Sara Elizabeth, August 2, 2002

**MICHELE CARGAIN O'Connell '94** and Ryan: a son, Evan Christopher, May 30, 2002

**HALLIE TRIMMIER Gibbs '95** and Al: a son, Strother Wade, September 18, 2002

**LEE CARREN WARD Mather '95** and Jim: a son, Ezekiel "Zeke" Chambers, March 21, 2002

**ELIZABETH TROMBLEY Saunders '97** and Mark: twin sons, George Scott and Walter Kenneth, June 7, 2002

**LATESHA HOOKER Adkins '98** and Nicholas: a daughter, Britney Nichole, September 30, 2002

**MAYGAN LIPSCOMB Elliott '98** and Dwayne: a son, Ryan Winston, May 13, 2002

**PAMELA OWENS Rohrer '99** and Aaron: a son, Gabriel Daylor, September 15, 2002

**JENNIFER UMPHLET Charbonnet '99** and Jonathan: a daughter, Ella Ann Wheat, September 30, 2002


**RACHEL EICHENLAUB Flury '00** and Marcus: a daughter, Leah Rae, March 5, 2002

**JUDITH SCHRAUDER '02** and Michael: a daughter, Basia Abigail, September 4, 2002

**KEDRIA SINGLETON '03** and Kevin Johnson: a son, Kendrick Mikal, April 14, 2002

## DEATHS

**MARY BIEDLER Piner '21**, May 30, 2002  
**LAURA VAUGHAN Gaillard '23**, July 13, 2001  
**REBECCA JONES Nisbet '25**, November 12, 2002  
**MARGARET CARPENTER Lee '28**, August 24, 2002  
**DOROTHY "DOT" MCGILVRAY Helms '29**, September 16, 2002  
**SALLY WRIGHT Jordan '29**, June 26, 2002  
**ANNA PARKER Pettry '31**, September 2, 2002  
**CATHERINE ZIMMERMAN Kriete '34**, May 24, 2002  
**VIRGINIA RUTH WHITE Taylor '37**, July 31, 2002  
**LOUISE WILSON Hanna '39**, April 23, 2002  
**ALICE JARMAN Browder '40**, May 30, 2002  
**ELIZABETH BRYANS Claussen '42**, November 14, 2002  
**EVELYN RULLMAN Houston '42**, September 17, 2002  
**ANN ELLEN GRAHAM Hazzard '43**, November 8, 2002  
**MARGARET TUTWILER ADDISON Robbins '47**, September 9, 2002  
**SARAH CALDWELL Cunningham '50**, September 9, 2002  
**JOYCE WITHERSPOON Brown '51**, June 6, 2002  
**LOREE ADAMS Barnett '52**, August 2, 2002  
**MELINDA MCCLUER Miller '59**, August 29, 2002  
**LINDA WATKINS Carmichael '59**, November 6, 2002  
**NANCY BRADNER Trotter '61**, August 6, 2002  
**SUSAN SLIDER Argentine '67**, July 15, 2002  
**JUDITH ANN WIRTH Williams '69**, September 11, 2002  
**DEBORAH EWERS '72**, November 15, 2002  
**CAROL COGDELL Courtney '78**, September 19, 2002  
**CATHRYN "CATHY" GAYLE Lampkin '85**, May 26, 2002  
**MARY GUTHRIE ANDREWS '92**, June 30, 2002  
**SARAH ANN HEARNEY '98**, January 19, 2002  
**CATHERINE "KITTY" GREEN '00 MAT**, November 18, 2002



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# alumnae/i in action

## Atlanta, Georgia Meet and Greet June 20, 2002

1. Natalie Cross '98, Jennifer Webb '91, Meredith Mansfield '97, Lisa Saul '81, Emily Alexander Douglas '98, Laura Cross '95, Jen Yavorsky '95



## Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Cocktails at Joseph Ambler Inn with Alumnae/i Association Executive Committee August 10, 2002

2. Ann Renee Garrett Bell '86, Page Smith Hartley '55, Jane Craig Morrison '42, Janet Mitchell Harper '54
3. Ennes Littrell '67, Mercer Pendleton Roemer '75, Molly Shiflet O'Brien '80, Katherine Jackson Anderson '80 (Executive Committee member)
4. Alumnae/i Association President Sue McDowell Whitlock '67 and husband Ed



## Staunton, Virginia Lemonade on the Lawn August 27, 2002

5. Jenna Southers Frank '95 MAT, Mary Poulin '02, John Kelly (honorary alumnus), Jane Proffitt Pruett '46
6. Wanda Thayer '02, Dreama Brown '86
7. Miriam Buckles Helmen '47, MBC Associate Vice President for College Relations Crista Cabe, Lelia Dunlap '41, Eleanor Jamison Supple '42



## Staunton, Virginia Legacy Luncheon August 30, 2002

8. Hilary Sutphen '06, Suzie Griffin Sutphen '76, Cari Neeley '06
9. Christine Tilman '06, Brecken Geiman '06, President Cynthia H. Tyson





**Hollywood, California**  
**Dinner and Conversation with President**  
**Tyson**  
**September 12, 2002**

10. Molly Briff Bachmann '80, Mary Margaret  
 Kennedy, Marlene '86, Vera Gebrian '80, President  
 Tyson, Rebecca Crane, Lyons '93, Pamela Cass  
 Gustafson '93, Martin Goodrich '92



**San Jose, California**  
**Poolside Luncheon**  
**at Home of Laura Beth Jackson**  
**Dehority '86**  
**September 13, 2002**

11. Tiffany Smith-Schaefer '88, Anne Rice Pardo '87,  
 Laura Beth Jackson Dehority '86, Lucinda  
 Barsky '88, Lori Matthews Masarke '88



**Seattle, Washington**  
**Dinner with President Tyson**  
**September 15, 2002**

12. President Tyson, Nancy Carville, parent  
 Christina Barsdaley, McGaughey '78



**Portland, Oregon**  
**Area Event with President Tyson**  
**at Home of Carol Emory '65**  
**September 16, 2002**

13. Pamela Lacy '74, Katharine McVane Doe '77,  
 President Tyson, Linda Valmer Smith '72, June  
 Gratonner Brenner '88, Minerva Thompson  
 Nolta '88, Carol Emory '65, Jean Bailey  
 McKinney '47, Sally O'Brien Lamon '61



**Richmond, Virginia**  
**Luncheon at Wilton House**  
**with Dean Jeffrey L. Buller**  
**September 26, 2002**

14. Kent McCannan '02, Winifree Hughes Segal '70,  
 Rebecca Jones Winkham '86, Marietta Barnes  
 Jones '61, Mary Sue Goddard-Powell '80

15. Jo Bates Gallagher '48, Jane Atkinson Dwyer '47,  
 Betsy Barry Williamson '48, Margaret Getty  
 Wilson '48

16. Susan Parker Dresh '83, Lindsey Ryland '73,  
 Kathy Smallwood '78, Alice Hamsdarger Rivas '73,  
 Dean Jeffrey L. Buller

**Kilmarnock, Virginia**  
**Crab Steam**  
**September 21, 2002**

17. Robin Spence '71, Molly Payne Pugh '00, Lois  
 Spence, Janet Russell Steelman '52

18. Virginia Lee Hutcheson, Molly Payne Pugh '00,  
 Lorna Cowie Wass '82, Pat Lamberth Bruce '71,  
 Janet Russell Steelman '52, Bert Lamberth, Ryn  
 Bruce '99, Sue McDowell Whitlock '87

Durham, North Carolina  
Luncheon Honoring Trustee Emeritus  
Mildred Roycroft Teer '44  
October 24, 2002

19. F. Elizabeth McElhinny '01, Elizabeth Preddy '67,  
Orland Teer, Mildred Roycroft Teer '44, MBC Vice  
President for Institutional Advancement Mark  
A. Iverson, Angela Hall '97



Staunton, Virginia  
Sophomore Sit Down  
October 30, 2002

20. The STARS (Student Alumnae Relations Society)  
with President Tyson  
*Back row (left to right):* Susannah Baskerville '05,  
Lisa Stillman '05, Cat Charles '05, Drisana  
Garlington '04, Suzanne Bergano '04, President  
Tyson, Erika Graldo '04, Ivy Trohanov '04,  
Brandy Clark '03, Marisol Euceda '04, Liz Hill '03  
*Front row (left to right):* Ryn Bruce '99, Vicki TenBroeck '05,  
Leah Griffith '03, Megan Kadlak '06,  
Nichole Farquhar '04



## Hines Phoenix '77, Hohn Create Endowments For Art, Study Abroad

An alumna and a faculty member have established endowments to offer financial assistance to students of art or to those who go to other countries.

Patricia Hines Phoenix '77, who has worked extensively with illustrators and advertising agencies, has created The Patricia Hines Phoenix Art Scholarship Endowment for full-time residential students majoring in art with emphasis in studio art, preferably graphic design.

Thanking Ulysse Desportes, now professor emeritus of art, for her "love for studio art," she said he provided instruction beyond the major but that she still had to take additional courses, related to commercial art, when she moved to New York after Mary Baldwin. She said she hopes her gift will help students who study graphic design and encourage the college to provide the training they need.

Bonnie Marie Hohn, associate professor of biology at Mary Baldwin, has set up the Hohn Family Memorial Endowment for Study Abroad to honor her mother, Margaret Ruopp Hohn; her father, Roland Gilbert Hohn; and her sister, Sarah Ann Hohn.

The endowment will fund an annual Hohn Award, presented at the honors convocation

and used to help pay for study abroad. Students are to compete for the award, based on academic merit, good character, and likelihood of benefiting culturally and intellectually from proposed courses of study abroad.

"All of the Hohns believe in the value of studying and traveling abroad and in the shift of perspective and broadening of one's frame of reference that accompanies the experience," said Hohn.

"Endowment is how you can influence the future, how you can guide the future of Mary Baldwin and its students," said Martha Masters '69, the college's director of capital support and gift planning. "We can help donors shape their gifts to have enduring impact," said Masters, who can be reached at 540-887-7011 or [mmasters@mbc.edu](mailto:mmasters@mbc.edu).

# Opening Convocation For Faculty and Staff

Our Gracious God,

It is staggering to contemplate what  
has happened  
since last we gathered in this room:  
terrorism and stock market decline  
child abductions and scandals — the church  
war in Afghanistan and the threat of war in Iraq  
drought here and floods and fires elsewhere  
major corporations bankrupt and  
business leaders under arrest  
and now the Hershey chocolate company  
may be sold to the Swiss

What on earth are we supposed to think?  
What are we supposed to do?

Saints and prophets down through the ages  
have counseled us that it is possible  
to survive our hardships joyfully.  
Don't be afraid, they tell us; have a little faith.

Since it seems the newspapers are not  
going to serve up much good news,  
we are left to make our own good news,  
conjure up our own happiness.

Yet we are just this improbable collection  
of individuals of every conceivable  
political stripe  
religious belief  
lifestyle  
who separately have little in common,  
but together  
we are Mary Baldwin College.  
We're it.

If we are going to get through this year  
with any kind of grace and style,  
we may need, if not divine intervention,  
at least holy assistance.

Please help us create in the middle of  
all the craziness around us  
a place where we and students  
can be happy  
and laugh  
and learn  
and grow  
and enjoy ourselves.

Give us the resilience we need to thrive.

O God, we cannot get through the day without  
remembering one who was so gifted  
at thriving no matter what life handed her.

We miss Carolyn Meeks and take this  
time to remember her.

Now, O God, as we step out into the  
unknown,  
you lead the way.

Thank you for one more year.

Amen.

PATRICIA HUNT,  
chaplain at Mary Baldwin  
College since 1985,  
composes prayers that are  
both topical and timeless —  
and typically unconventional.  
Here are two she delivered at  
gatherings on campus at the  
beginning of this school year.



## First Faculty Meeting

Our Gracious God,

As far as we know,  
none of our alumnae or board members have appeared in the newspapers  
being led away in handcuffs to jail.  
There are a lot of highly regarded colleges and universities that cannot make this claim,  
and although nothing says it can't happen to us,  
it is reassuring to be a part of a place that has a certain basic decency about it.

We're not bucking for sainthood here,  
but Mary Baldwin faculty and staff still stop and evaluate  
how actions should be regarded ethically,  
and in our little world,  
people are actually held in high regard just for being pretty good human beings.  
We are grateful that such places still exist, that we are part of one of them.  
Whatever befalls us, don't let us lose this essential goodness.

As we encounter students and endeavor to open their minds,  
help us somehow communicate to them what we inherited  
and continue to nurture at this college,  
a depth of character,  
a rootedness in values that endure beyond the Pyrrhic victories  
that are celebrated in our culture.

Even after the events of the last year with its temporary exaltation of ordinary women  
and men, we know better than to count on recognition for decency.  
We need your reassurance from time to time that the little voice of the best in us  
is not foolish or wrong  
but is critical to the survival of humankind.

We remember today a faculty member who knew how to cherish seemingly ordinary  
people and animals and places.

As we take this moment to remember Jerry Venn, we pray his passionate caring may  
live on among us.

Grant us good courage and much happiness as we begin a new year.

Amen.

## Balance

**Size:** 13,000 square feet  
**Occupancy:** About 60 students; several live-in staff  
**Architect:** Gaier Brown Renfro Architects  
Alexandria, Virginia  
**Builder:** J.M. Turner & Co. Inc.  
Roanoke, Virginia  
**Cost:** \$6.7 million



A comfortable nook in the new Center for the Program for the Exceptionally Gifted offers an inspiring view of the Mary Baldwin College campus.